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THIRD TEST MATCH.

BRILLIANT BATTING BY HAMMOND.

ENGLAND 85 BEHIND WITH SIX WICKETS IN HAND.

BLACKIE BOWLS FIDELY.

Brilliant batting by Hammond was the lure of the play in the Third Test Match yesterday, and the close of play, England had 812 runs, being only 85 in arrears with six wickets to fall.

The most valuable partnership was that between Hammond and Sutcliffe. The pair put on 133 runs for the second wicket, of which number Sutcliffe scored 50.

Partnerships, however, were completely overshadowed by the personal achievement of Walter Hammond, who at the end of the play had contributed 169 (not out).

The big score was made in a perfect exhibition of batting, Hammond combining superb defence with ready attack on anything loose. He gave no chance at a time, and yet managed to score more than half the English total.

During the day, he put on 147 runs, while England added only 255. The figures are testimony in themselves to Hammond's splendid effort.

The young Gloucester professional is within reach of another double century. If he attains it, he will be the only player to have made two double centuries in Test Matches, and, of course, the fact of making them in successive innings would be most remarkable.

HAMMOND MAKES 169 NOT OUT.

Melbourne, Jan. 1. The third day of the Third Test Match was greeted by heavy skies, drizzle, and oppressive heat. Over 20,000 spectators were on the ground when Sutcliffe (15) and Hammond (12) went out to resume England's first innings on a pitch, which while not so good as yesterday, was playing well.

England's over-night total of 477, increased to 500 soon after the start. The innings had at that stage been in progress for 10 minutes.

Sutcliffe Outpaced. Subsequently, the crowd was attracted to a delightful and skilful exhibition of batting by Hammond, who scored all round the wicket with delightful freedom. Sutcliffe presented a solid defence, but was overshadowed by his partner, who scored nearly three times as fast.

It was learned during the morning that Freeman, the Kent slow bowler, not playing in the Test, will be in bed suffering from a sore throat.

While Sutcliffe stayed for a time at 25, Hammond sent up his personal half-century, and then with a brilliant stroke to the boundary through the covers, completed England's first 100. Hammond had scored 54 runs at this stage, out of 72 while he was at bat.

125 for 1 Wicket. The cricket quietened down in the face of some really good bowling, though curiously enough, Sutcliffe's rate of scoring improved.

When the lunch interval was over, England had made 125 for the loss of Hobbs' wicket, Sutcliffe being not out 44 and Hammond out 61.

Sutcliffe played steadily after lunch, snicking the ball to the boundary from A. Beckett to reach 50. He had been batting for 50 minutes. Soon afterwards, however, he mis-timed a good ball from Blackie and was dismissed.

Chapman Dismissed. A. P. F. Chapman, England's opener, joined Hammond, receiving Jardine in the batting, probably in order to make use of the latter's wonderful defence if it should become necessary.

Chapman had a bright knock, scoring 24 out of 40, and was dismissed by Blackie. A very attractive cricket was seen.

England 1st Innings.
J. B. Hobbs, c Oldfield, b A. Beckett, 20
Sutcliffe, b Blackie, 50
W. R. Hammond not out, 169
A. P. F. Chapman, b Blackie, 24
Hendren, c A. Beckett, b Blackie, 19
D. R. Jardine not out, 19
Extra, 1
Total (for 4 wickets), 312

Fall of wickets: 1 for 28 (Hobbs), 2 for 161 (Sutcliffe), 3 for 201 (Chapman), 4 for 259 (Hendren).

NEW YEAR'S EVE TRAGEDY.

EATING-HOUSE PROPRIETOR SHOT DEAD.

RAID BY ROBBERS.

An eating-house situated by the roadside at Tai Wah Street, Mongkok, was the scene of an armed robbery and tragedy on New Year's Eve. The place was raided by armed robbers, who shot the proprietor dead and escaped with \$230.

One of the folk told the police that he immediately bolted from the shop upon being made aware of the intentions of the visitors, and as he left, he heard his employer utter a cry which was followed by the report of a revolver shot.

Returning to the shop some time later with the wife of the proprietor, he found the owner dying from a revolver wound. The man died.

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HAYLEY MORRIS APPEAL.

OBJECTION TO MAINTENANCE NOT UPHeld.

MATTER OF INCOME.

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Lawrence in the Court of Appeal on Dec. 3 dismissed an appeal by Mr. Hayley Morris, of Pippinford Park, Nutley, from an order of Mr. Justice Hill, who had dismissed an appeal from an order of the Registrar fixing permanent maintenance for Mrs. Morris's former wife, Mrs. Daphne Morris, and their three children, at \$1,200.

Mr. H. Simmons, for Mr. Morris, said that the objection was to the amount of maintenance. The income in the main depended on two properties. From one of these, consisting of certain Chinese gold bonds, Mr. Morris derived an income which the Registrar had assessed at \$3,740 per annum. The real income, however, was only \$2,800. From the other property, which was Pippinford, where Mr. Morris carried on business as a pig breeder, there was a loss, but the Registrar had treated it as income-yielding security bringing in \$575 per annum.

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CABLE LEAD STOLEN.

ALLEGED THEFT FROM PENINSULA HOTEL.

A charge of larceny of a quantity of cable lead, the property of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., was brought against an employee of the Company before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday. The defendant was alternatively charged with receiving stolen property.

The defendant denied both charges. It was given in evidence by a Chinese detective that the defendant was stopped in Shanghai Street on Sunday morning carrying a parcel which contained the lead. In reply to questions put by the detective the defendant said that he was taking the stuff to be sold. He further informed the officer that his employers were not aware that he was selling the lead.

Mr. A. J. B. Smith told the Court that the defendant had been engaged on work at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, the job having been completed at noon. The lead was similar to that which he was using in the Hotel and witness would have expected the defendant to have a certain surplus from the job. It would have been about the amount that he was carrying.

A foreman employed on the job gave evidence and said that he had instructed the defendant to take some surplus lead back to the company's offices at Kowloon City.

In reply to his Worship witness said that if the defendant did not return the lead he would have been asked to explain its absence the following day.

After hearing the evidence his Worship said that it was an extraordinary case. The only two things against the defendant were, in the first place, his statement which he was alleged to have made to the constable and then the rather curious fact that he was apparently going in the wrong direction to the company's offices.

On the other hand his Worship pointed out that he took the risk of having to answer for the absence of the lead which was only worth 40 cents.

His Worship said that he could not possibly convict the defendant, remarking that he might be wrong, but he was of the opinion that the detective had misunderstood the defendant.

The defendant was discharged.

ILLEGAL BLASTING.

STONE BREAKER FINED ON TWO COUNTS.

At the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday a Chinese stone-breaker appeared on remand on charges of blasting rocks on the hillside at Ma Tau Kok without a permit; carrying on blasting operations during prohibited hours and failing to provide adequate warning of such operations.

In reply to the first charge the defendant said that he was employed by a contracting firm. He denied that he was blasting during prohibited hours or that he failed to give sufficient warning of blasting operations.

A constable gave evidence of seeing the defendant blasting at 5.45 p.m. on December 28. There was nobody to sound gongs as required by law.

A servant from a contracting firm was called and he stated that the defendant was not employed by his master.

In reply to his Worship, Sub-Inspector James said that it was with reluctance that a man from the firm consented to give evidence. It was possible that the defendant had been engaged by the contractors to use gunpowder which was prohibited.

The defendant was convicted on the second two charges and fined \$10 or fourteen days' hard labour in default on each.

ADVENT OF 1929.

HONGKONG'S WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR.

Hongkong ushered in the New Year according to well established custom and in true accord with the procedure of recent years, by the firing of crackers and dancing at the various carnivals arranged by the hotels. Ships in the harbour tooted out the hour of midnight and the Observatory signals gave another indication that the Old Year had given place to the new.

There were jolly crowds at hotels and clubs. "Auld Lang Syne" was often sung and many toasts were proposed at numerous private parties arranged to celebrate the entrance of a new year.

Lane Crawford's Restaurant presented a very animated appearance on Monday night with the large hall tastefully decorated with lanterns and other artistic hangings suspended across the room. These annual carnivals arranged by the management have become exceedingly popular and there were about 300 persons participating in the festivities.

The New Year was ushered in in time honoured fashion, the Midnight Waltz commencing at 11.50 p.m. As the soft strains of music fell on the air, the lights were lowered and the music slowly died away. One minute before twelve complete silence reigned. Then from the darkness a sudden booming sound brought the people to the realisation that yet another year was passing out.

Twelve strokes made on a gong were immediately followed by a fanfare of trumpets and the raising of the lights. The Orchestra struck up "Auld Lang Syne," the company joining in.

Dance at Craigengower.

Among the many public functions arranged to celebrate the New Year was a dance given by the Craigengower Cricket Club to its members and friends. A large number were present, dancing continuing into the early hours of this morning. Just before midnight, the assembly gathered in the hall and welcomed the New Year in the usual manner.

At Repulse Bay.

Amid lavish decorations a gathering of something like 500 people saw the passing of the old year and the entering of the New, at Repulse Bay Hotel, where a thoroughly enjoyable dinner dance carnival was held. Such was the demand for accommodation at this popular rendezvous that the verandah had to be utilized to provide for those many extra patrons who could not be accommodated in the ball room.

Under the supervision of the management, a wealth of colourful decorations had been carried out which turned the ballroom and exterior into a miniature fairy palace. Holly, mistletoe, greenery, coloured lanterns and electric lights shedding a large variety of hues, added to the carnival atmosphere in which the diners and dancers revelled.

Choice selections of dance music were rendered by the Repulse Bay Hotel Orchestra.

The New Year was ushered in in time honoured manner after which the gathering broke up feeling tired but happy.

At the King Edward.

Celebrations, in the way of a dinner dance, were kept up till midnight at the King Edward Hotel, where about sixty couples took the floor. The cuisine was good and the hotel's band did much to liven the proceedings. The dance hall was specially decorated for the occasion and, as was to be expected, the New Year was ushered in by the revellers with much enthusiasm.

KOWLOON BUS.

KAI TACK COMPANY CHANGES HANDS.

A very interesting development in Kowloon transport is announced, the entry into the field of competition of the Hongkong Tramways Limited.

According to an advertisement in another page, this Company, who have only recently started a bus service in Hongkong, will be operating the buses of the Kai Tack Motor Bus Company as from January 1st.

The Kai Tack Motor Bus Company is one of the three companies at present operating in Kowloon, the other two being the China Motor Bus Company and the Kowloon Motor Bus Company. The Kai Tack line has a fleet of sixteen buses on three different routes, the first of which runs from the Kowloon Ferry to Kowloon City by way of Chatham Road, the second from Yau Ma Tei to Kowloon City by way of Gloucester Road, and the third is a short service between Yau Ma Tei and Mong Kok.

The Tramway Company will be taking over the whole of the sixteen Kai Tack buses, twelve of which are the modern low-loading twenty seater Dennis buses and the remaining four are Dennis twenty-eight seaters. It is learned that a few additional buses will be ordered and placed on the road by the Tramway Company. This will bring the fleet to the number of twenty and in the experienced hands of such an old concern as The Hongkong Tramways Limited, there is every indication that the service to Hongkong and Kowloon City will be very much improved within the next few months.

For the time being, the present service will be maintained. The route from the Kowloon Ferry to Kowloon City by way of Chatham Road has certain obvious advantages from a business point of view. The route passes Kowloon Dock, the China Light and Power Company's Works and the Green Island Cement Company's works at Hok On. Besides this, the last mile of the road is gradually changing its character from that of rough hillside to a city-like district. Houses are rapidly going up on both sides of the bus route and there is no doubt that in time to come the bus will be running through a populous district at the Kowloon City end.

No details of the purchase price paid by the Tramway Company are at present available and it is not known whether the new management intend to extend the service by covering more routes with their buses.

BOY'S DEATH.

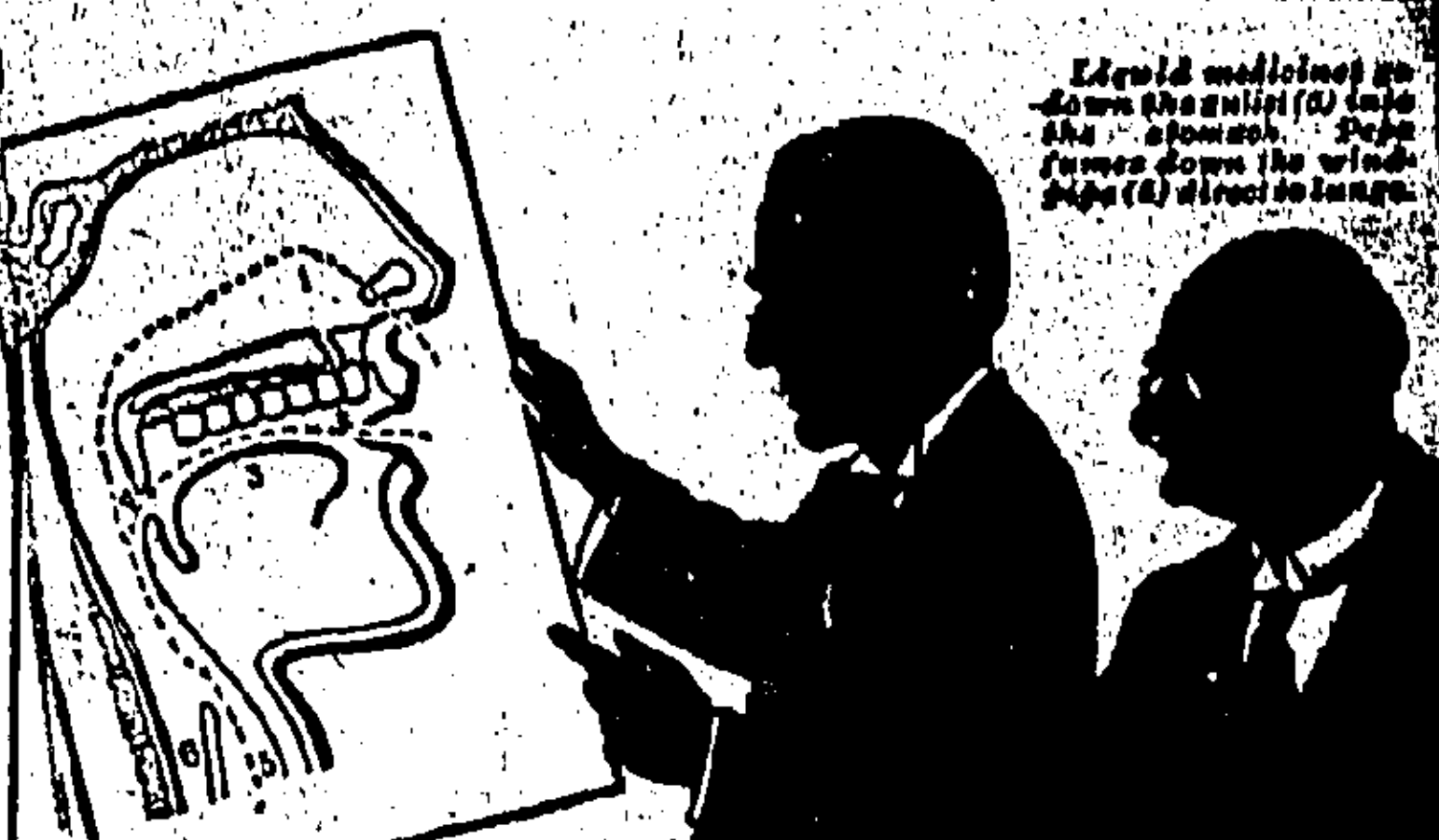
RUN OVER BY POLICE MOTOR CAR.

An enquiry touching the death of Li Ngau, a six-year-old boy who was killed on December 18 at Queen's Road East, through being run over by a car driven by Acting Sub-Inspector Cargill of the Police, was held on Monday before Major C. Willson.

Acting Sub-Inspector Cargill said he swerved to avoid a group of children who were playing in the street. Unexpectedly, a boy darted across the road, and was within two feet of the car when he was seen by witness. He immediately applied his brakes, at the same time bearing to his left, but it was too late. The boy was knocked down, and disappeared under the car. Witness felt a bump as the car passed over the body. When picked up, the victim was unconscious.

Dr. G. H. Thomas, who examined the remains in the Mortuary, stated that death resulted from a fractured skull and minor injuries.

A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned by the jury, who found that no blame was to be attached to Sub-Inspector Cargill.



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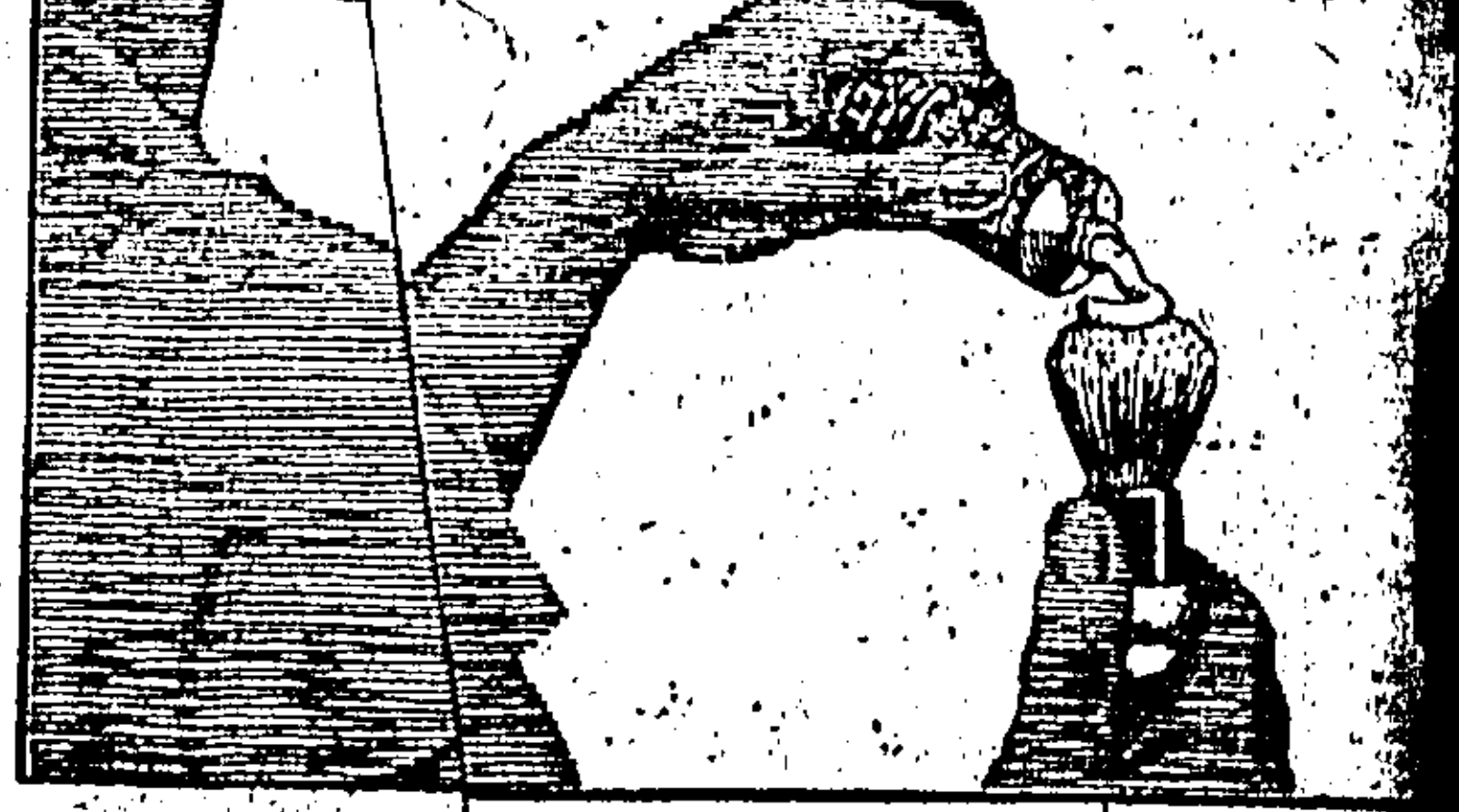
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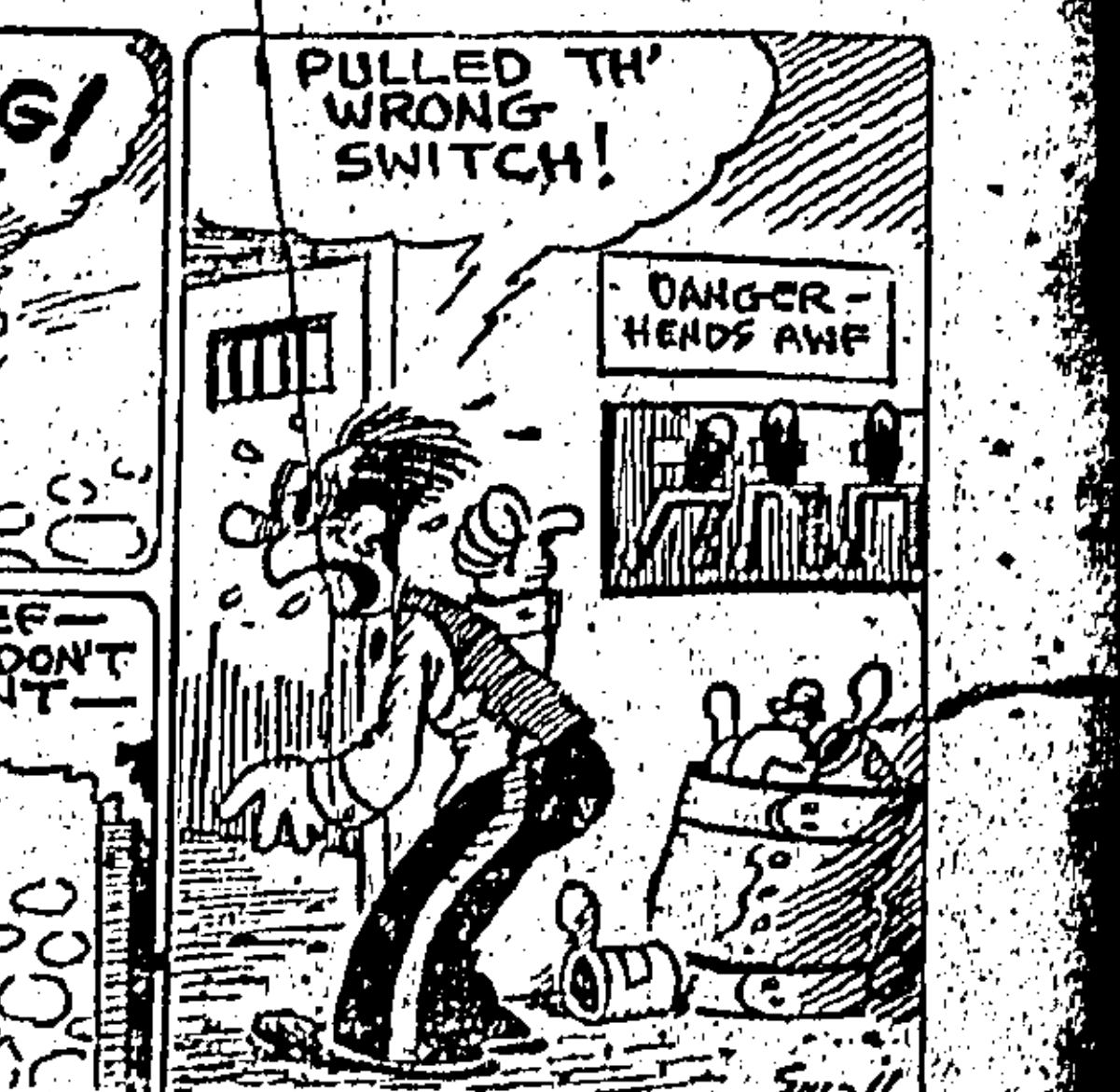
SALESMAN SAM



All Sam's Fault



By Small





Our picture shows a view of repair work in progress on the interior of Restormel Castle, in the Fowey Valley, photographed from the chapel through a massive archway. Restormel is one of the three Cornish castles which are being restored by the Office of Works, the others being St. Mawes and Pendennis. (Times copyright).



Mr. Stanley Drawitt, a leading performer with the Macdona players, who are opening in Hongkong on Monday next. The Company's repertoire consists of Bernard Shaw plays only.



Mr. Terence O'Brien, an interpreter of Bernard Shaw's art, who is with the Macdona Players.



One of the ladies members of the Macdona Players, Miss Daphne Carr, who stars in some excellent plays.



This picture of Major Zee, commanding officer of the Chinese Company, Shanghai Volunteer Corps, was taken at the recent S.V.C. Parade.



This picture shows H.R.H. The Prince of Wales in Uganda in rather dignified participation in a "onwelope" (sham battle) staged with the accompaniment of war drums and chants. So pleased were the natives with the democratic prince that they rattled their spears and cheered as he passed through their ranks.



A recent photograph of the Drums of The First Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment, who after a stay of over a year in the Far East, partly in Hongkong and partly in Shanghai, are leaving soon for Malta.



Hongkong should thoroughly enjoy the visit of the Macdona Players. Above is another of the artists, Miss Joan Hopgood.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon at the City Hall Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following resolution, viz.:

That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of the Colony with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation, AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement. Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Building, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned extraordinary meeting.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Reduction in price of current.

As from January 1st 1929, the price of current supplied for the following services will be reduced to 5 cents per unit:—

1. Three phase and single phase motors exceeding 1/4 H.P. (single phase lift motors and motor generators excepted).
2. Three phase lift motors.
3. Domestic heating and power when supplied through the Company's standard connecting plugs (particulars of which may be obtained at the Head Office.)

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NEW TERRITORIES AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Tung Ying Hok Po (Sheungshui).

SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 5th and 6th January, 1929.

Official Opening by Officer Administering the Government on Saturday, 5th January, 1929, at 3 p.m.
Trains leave Kowloon for Sheungshui at 12.10 p.m. and 1.15 p.m.
Trains leave Sheungshui for Kowloon at 4.40 p.m. and 5.56 p.m.
Specially reduced Return Fares by any train during January 5th and 6th 1929, will be as follows:—

	Adults	Scholars and Children.
1st Class	\$1.50	75 Cents
2nd "	.85	45 "
3rd "	.60	30 "

Frequent Buses from Sheungshui Halt to the Grounds from 1 p.m. each day.
Refreshments (Tea, Cake & Sandwiches) will be provided at moderate prices on the Grounds.
Admission—20 Cents.
School Children Free.

NOTICE.

We have this day been appointed for Hongkong and Macao Agents for the Scottish Union & National Insurance Company.
W. A. HANNIBAL & CO.

NOTICE.

We have authorized Mr. Walter Schack to sign for our firm per procuration from this date.
R. JOHNSON & CO.
Hongkong, Jan. 1st, 1929.

NOTICE.

By mutual agreement, Mr. Joao Hoytor Botelho has retired from our firm as from 31st December, 1927, and his responsibility has ceased as from that date.
BOTELHO BROS.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

Mr. Archibald Reid Botelho having severed his connection with our firm, the Power of Attorney heretofore granted him, is cancelled.
BOTELHO BROS.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

NOTICE.

We have this day admitted into partnership Mr. Strathmore Tatham Bullin, A.C.A., and Mr. Henry Russell Forsyth, C.A. Our business will be carried on under the same name and style as formerly.
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Chartered Accountants.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1929.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED.

The Hongkong Tramways Limited has subject to the approval of the Government assumed control of the business of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company (1926) Ltd. of Kowloon and will operate that undertaking as from to-day.

L. C. F. BELLAMY,
General Manager.
Hongkong, January 1st, 1929.

NOTICE.

DENSION RAM AND GIBBS, PARTNERSHIP.

Mr. GERALD HOLLINGS-WORTH BOND has been Admitted as a Partner in the firm of DENSION, RAM & GIBBS, Chartered Architects, Civil Engineers & Surveyors, as from 2nd January, 1929. The business will continue to be carried on under the Name of DENSION, RAM & GIBBS.

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G. 1929 R.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL.

School will reopen on Monday, 7th January. An Entrance Examination will be held at the School on Friday, 4th January, at 9.30 a.m.

BOXING.

CITY HALL.

Saturday, 5th January, 1929.
FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.
15 Rounds.

Signalman: Leading Seaman Shona v Mudge.
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H.M.S. Tamar v H.M.S. Berwick.
LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST.
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Leading Seaman A. B. Hale v Davies.
H.M.S. Titania v H.M. Submarine.
LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST.
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Stoker Car v Stoker Walton.
H.M.S. Titania v H.M.S. Hermes.
WELTERWEIGHT CONTEST.
6 Rounds.

Mariner: A. B. Worford v Trimming.
H.M.S. Hermes v H.M.S. Hermes.
Booking at MOUTRIE'S for Members of the Hongkong Boxing Association on, Wednesday, 2nd January, and Thursday, 3rd January.

General Public: Friday, 4th and Saturday, 5th January.
Ringside Seats \$5, others \$3 and \$1.

G. 1929 R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 7th day of January, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

No. of Lot.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Estimated Value.	Upset Price.
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H. H. LING, Commissioner, Public Works Department, Wuchow, Kwangsi.

PLEASE NOTE.

All firms, shops, trades, professions, associations, etc. are cordially invited to send in full particulars as early as possible for FREE INSERTION in the next issue of LEB'S TRADE & SHOPPING GUIDE OF HONGKONG (An Anglo-Chinese Directory).

The next issue will be greatly improved and much useful information heretofore unpublished will be incorporated in it. SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED.

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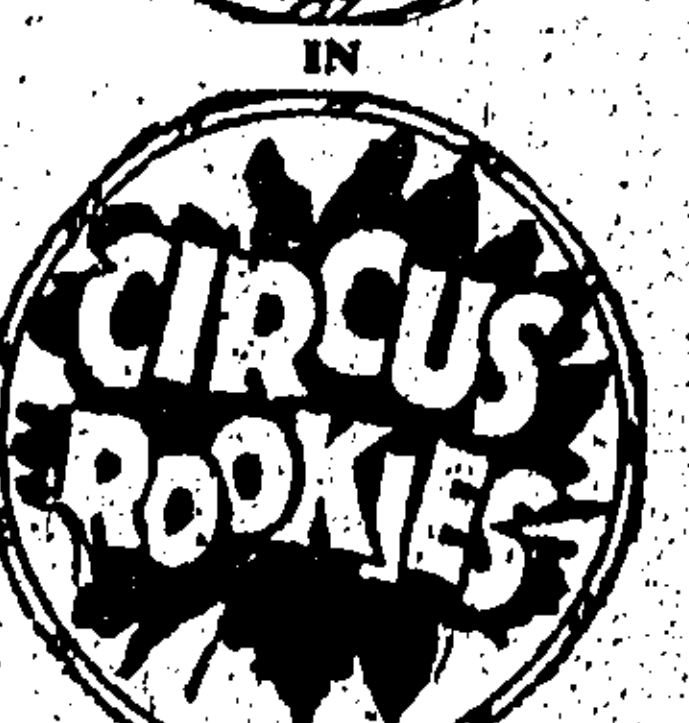
NOTICE.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that certain persons have solicited orders on the grounds that they are official photographers to the "Hongkong Telegraph," promising that the photographs will be published in our Art Supplement.

We wish to point out that, while we will be pleased at all times to consider for publication all photographs sent to us, Messrs. Mee Cheung and Ming Yuen are the only firms empowered by us to use our name in this matter.

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Hongkong, Dec. 27th, 1928.

A NEW LAUGH RIOT!



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POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	To	Date
Saigon	D'Artagnan	January 2
Swatow	Cremor	January 2
Straits	Samtha	January 2
Shanghai	Suiyang	January 3
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)	Mantua	January 4
London 6th December and parcels 20th November		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Morea	January 4
Straits	Pres. McKinley	January 4
Australia and Manila	Allpore	January 4
Manila	Taipei	January 4
Australia and Manila	Pres. Taft	January 7
Shanghai	Aradura	January 7
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Perseus	January 8
Straits and London, parcel mail (London 2nd November)		
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, and Shang-hai	Ningchow	January 12
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-hai	President Van Buren	January 12
Manila	President Jefferson	January 14
	President McKinley	January 14

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	D'Artagnan	Wed., Jan. 2, 1.30 p.m.
Java via Batavia	Tleondari	Wed., Jan. 2, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Golden Sun	Wed., Jan. 2, 4 p.m.
Haiphong	Song Bo	Wed., Jan. 2, 5 p.m.
Holhow and Haiphong	Monde Maru Thurs.	Jan. 3, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremor	Thurs., Jan. 3, 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Tacoma Maru Wed.	Jan. 2, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chusan	Thurs., Jan. 3, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Hormod	Thurs., Jan. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Saigon	Wong Shek Kung	Thurs., Jan. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Jan. 3, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Chinkiang	Thurs., Jan. 3, 6 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Nam Sang	Fri., Jan. 4, 1 p.m.
	Parcels 1 p.m.
	Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Jan. 4, 1 p.m.
Japan	Allpore	Fri., Jan. 4, 3.30 p.m.
Mombasa, Lourenco Marques and South Africa via Singapore	Kamakura Maru	Fri., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, and Europe via Siberia	Morea	Thurs., Jan. 4, 6 p.m.
	Procellaus	Sat., Jan. 5, 10 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mantua	Sat., Jan. 5

Parcels 4th, 4.30 p.m.
Registration 5th, 9 a.m.
Letters 5th, 10 a.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels 4th, 5 p.m.
Registration 5th, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 5th, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 1st Feb. 1929.)
Pres. McKinley Sat., Jan. 5, 4.30 p.m.
Canton Maru Sun., Jan. 6, 8 a.m.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia President Taft Mon., Jan. 7.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hal'Ning Tues., Jan. 8, 2 p.m.
*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.

From EUROPE.

The Steamship,

"CITY OF MADRAS"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Holt's Wharf, whence Delivery may be obtained.

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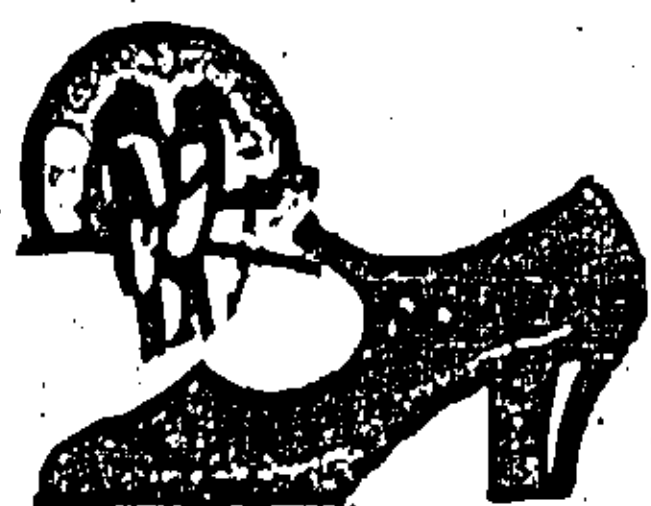
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POLICE RESERVE.

OFFICIAL ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

The Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., are as follows:

Police Training School.

The classes for Police Reservists will be resumed on Tuesday, January 8th, at 6.00 p.m.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central for Squad Drill etc. on Thursday, January 3rd, at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress—Muti. At this parade, an examination will be held with a view to passing out those who are efficient in Part I.

Chinese Company.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and Semaphore under Mr. R. C. Wilson on Thursday, January 3rd, at 6.00 p.m.

"First Aid to the Injured."—The class for instruction in First Aid will commence at the Company's Headquarters on Wednesday, January 9th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Lecturer—Dr. T. P. Woo, M.B., Ch.B., Edin., Divisional Surgeon of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Each member will bring his own note-book and pencil.

Inspection Parade.—All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, January 10th, for the monthly inspection of Arms, Equipment etc. by the Company Commander. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover; Rifle, Belt, Side-arms, Truncheon, Whistle, Armlet, Badge, "Pocket Policeman" and Note-Book to be carried. Those not in possession of Uniform will attend in Muti. No member may be absent from this parade without leave from the Company Commander. The Equipment Officers will make it a point of being present.

Indian Company.

Parade.—The Indian Company will parade at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, January 8th, for drill under Sergeant P. Condon. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Blue Uniform, Belt and Cap without cover.

Flying Squad.

Strength.—Constable R331 A. E. Greenway has been permitted to resign upon completing one full year's service with effect from December 21st.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, January 8th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsu-tsi Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

There will be no instructional patrol of the Hongkong Section on Thursday, January 3rd.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice.—Revolver practice will be carried out at Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, January 6th, at 10.00 a.m. Members will assemble at the Range at that time, with belts and holsters with revolvers. Uniform optional.

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Fashion Notes.

BLENDING OF COLOURS AND MATERIALS.

One of the most striking things about some of the evening frocks is the way in which colours and materials are combined, while not infrequently a touch of some colour entirely different from that of the gown will be introduced. An instance of the latter was seen in one recent collection, when, among the draperies at the side of a green chiffon gown, a loop of pastel-blue chiffon was placed.

It was daring, but entirely successful. Chiffon and tulle are extremely fashionable just now, as well as the heavier fabrics, such as velvet, satin, and taffetas; the last-named is very popular in the robes-de-style, of which there are some charming examples.

Taffetas, by the way, is much used for the new spiral-founced afternoon dress, usually in black. The spiral founces are very full, giving a somewhat "bouffant" appearance. Lame and metal tissues have been seen in entirely different ways, and they usually strike a note of almost Oriental luxury, which is quite in keeping with the rest of Fashion's latest decrees.

Don'ts in Dress.

The don'ts in dress are legion, and they are almost more important than their opposites. Don't have too many dresses. Don't have too much trimming. It is better to follow fashion at a reasonable distance; she is an excellent servant, but a bad mistress. Use her according to your needs and pocket, and let the motto over your wardrobe be, "Be simple, be neat, and never try to be grand."

Of Beach Brown.



Two very up-to-date ideas are featured in the frock of beach brown crepe de chine: the slightly flared skirt falling from a shape yoke, and the smartly cut bolero bodice opening over a blouse of tucked beige crepe.

Useful Frocks for Various Occasions.



Dull blue georgette is used for the first—a simple affair, finished with collar and cascading trim of ecru lace. Printed crepe, in shades of red, navy and beige, materialises the second, which exploits a circular folded neckline, slightly belled sleeves and a single flare at the side of the skirt.

Simple Silhouette.

VERY COMPLICATED CUT.

The simple silhouette, which leaves the natural figure untrammelled, is the main point of fashionable costumes to-day. However, it is a far cry from the first "untrammelled" post-war costumes, to the exquisite fashions of the autumn of 1928. Although the athletic lines and the easy fit are present, the inner harmony of the current costumes is studied and subtle. Where a flat, plain bodice would have satisfied a few years ago, women demand more now.

Where simple pleats and shirings were all that was asked to give fullness to a skirt, women ask now for fullness and a novel quality.

Cuts must be narrow and unobtrusive, but at the same time, they must be distinguished. The time is past when a "little" dress-maker, who knows some fitting and fine sewing can reproduce smart lines passably enough.

The great couturiers have again asserted their distinction, by giving complicated cutting-cutting, that implies needlework which, though plain in appearance, is anything but simple to accomplish.

Skirts continue to be short for daywear, but to be smart, must be in no way exaggeratedly so. For the evening, the new hem line is one unlimited by any hard or fast rule. It may be short in

Today's Recipe.

SANDWICH CAKE MIXTURE.

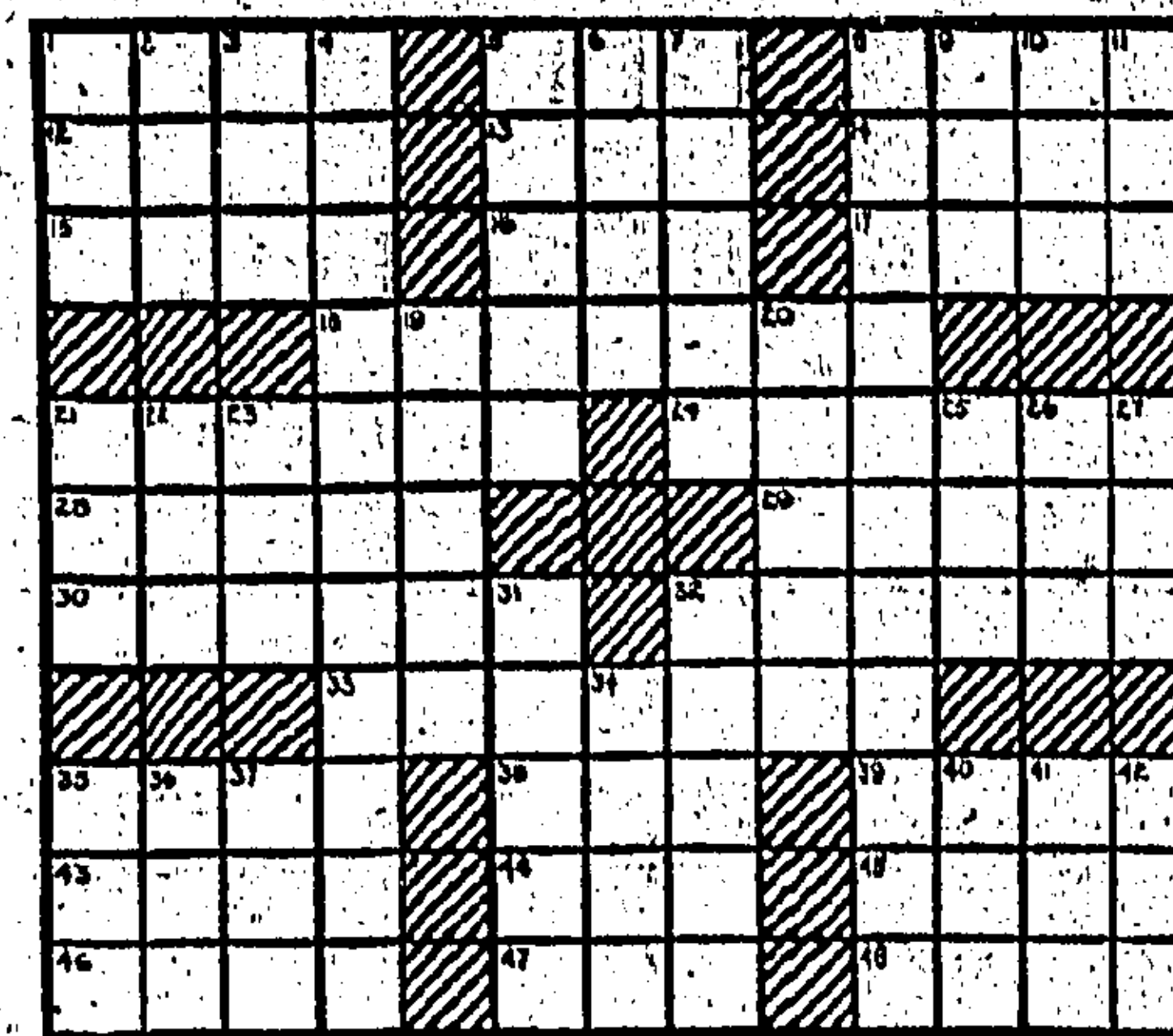
Quarter lb. butter, ¼ lb. caster sugar, 2 eggs, ¼ lb. flour, 1 teaspoonful Royal Baking Powder, a pinch of salt, milk if required, and flavouring to taste.

Put the butter into a basin and beat it with a flat wooden spoon until soft and creamy. In cold weather the basin may be warmed slightly first, but the butter must on no account be oiled, or the cake mixture will be heavy. Sieve the sugar, add it to the creamed butter, and beat again for a few minutes, until the mixture will drop easily from the spoon. The lightness of the cakes will depend very much on this creaming being well carried out.

Sieve the flour with the salt and Royal Baking Powder, which is used to make the cakes rise. Add one egg and some of the flour to the creamed mixture, and mix them in lightly. Then add the second egg and the remainder of the flour, and mix until blended, adding a little milk if the eggs are small and the mixture seems too thick. Beat all together for a few minutes, lifting the mixture high on the spoon in order to introduce air. Add flavouring, and cook as required.

front, both back and front, or cut in numerous clipped, uneven points. Sometimes, by way of variation, a long flare is placed on one side, and an uneven effect got by that means.

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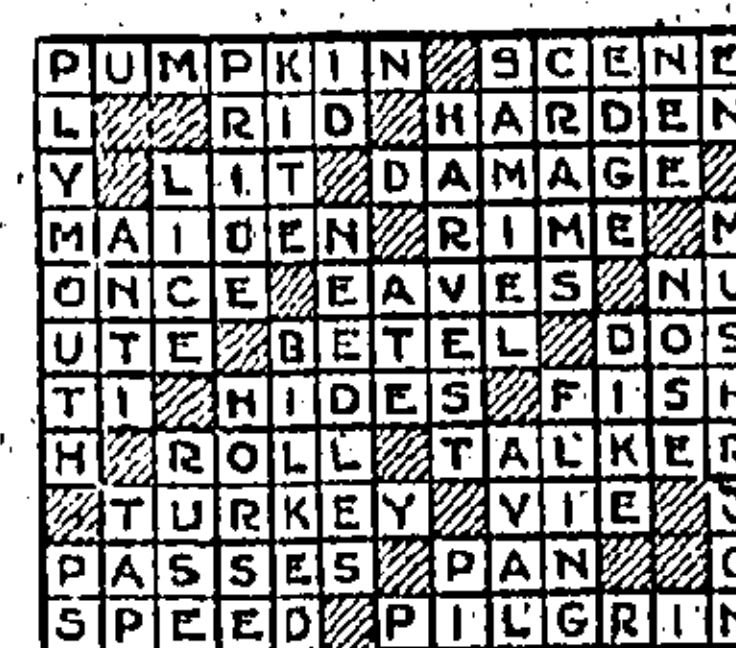
Horizontal

- 1 Soft mineral used in making powder.
- 5 White linen vestment.
- 8 Shed for doves.
- 12 A mixture.
- 13 By.
- 14 A portion of the earth's surface.
- 15 To suppose.
- 16 Portuguese money of account.
- 17 Close.
- 18 To guard.
- 21 American pigeon hawk.
- 24 Made of flowers.
- 28 Pertaining to birds.
- 29 Growing out.
- 30 Negligent.
- 32 Stopped up as water.
- 33 To conceal.
- 35 Bark of the paper mulberry.
- 38 To knock.
- 39 Home of a bird.
- 43 Foretoken.
- 44 Since.
- 45 Largest land plant.
- 46 To breathe heavily and laboriously.
- 47 House canary.
- 48 Embryo plant.

Vertical

- 1 A thick shrub.
- 2 Beer.
- 3 Falsehood.
- 4 Affable.
- 5 Protective garment.
- 6 A list.

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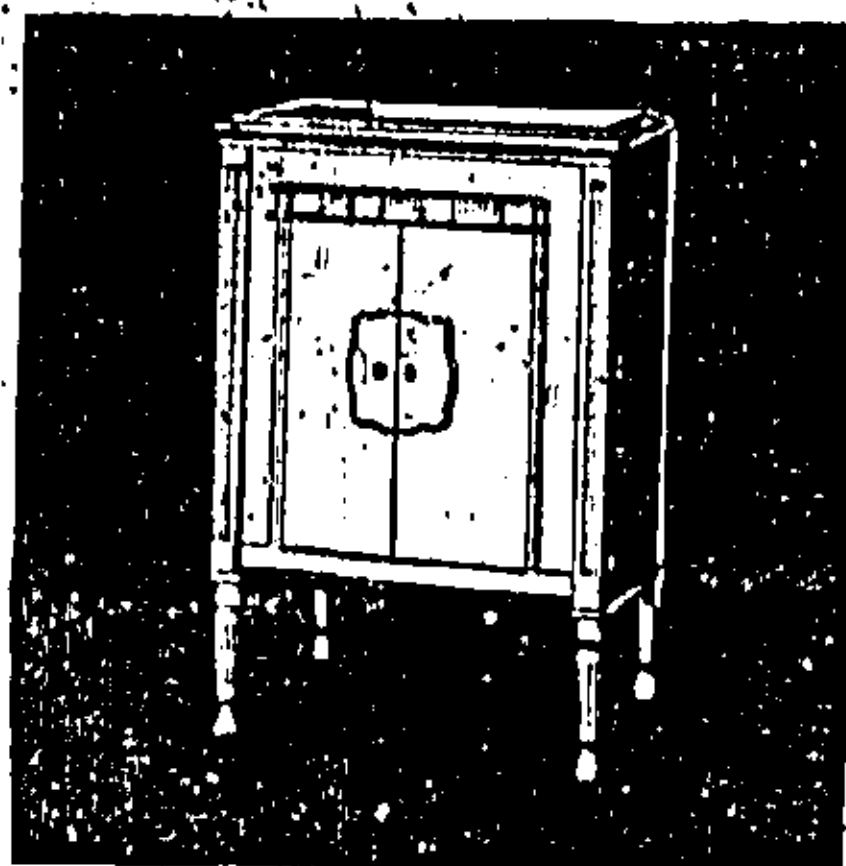
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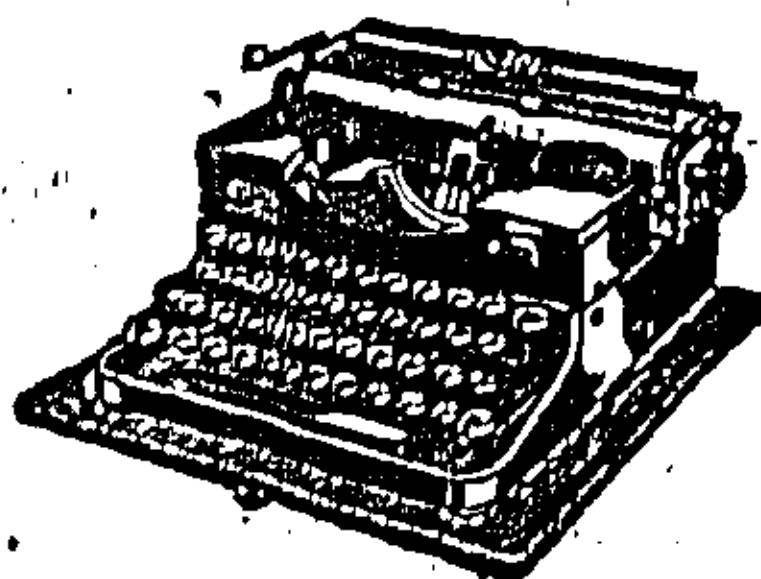
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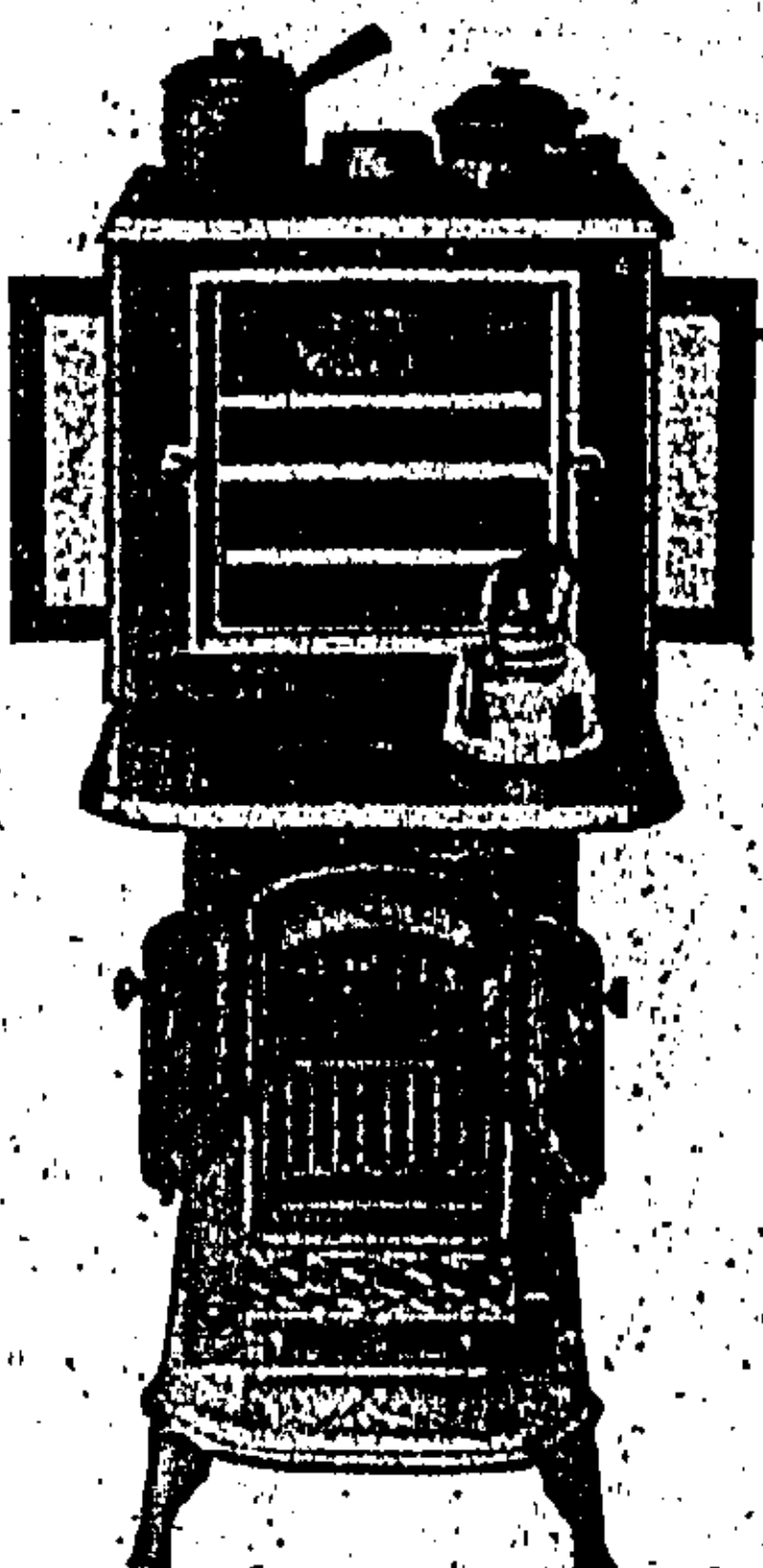
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THE NEW YEAR IN CHINA.

Having concluded fresh treaties with several of the Powers and secured the adherence of Manchuria, the National Government in Nanking starts the New Year under conditions which give great hopes for the future. It may, indeed, be said that the prestige of the Government has never stood so high as it does at the moment. Whilst this is true, however, it would be a wilful shutting of the eyes to the facts to suggest that its troubles are now over. Actually, all that has been accomplished so far is the laying of the foundations for the days to come. The real task still lies ahead, and the manner in which China's new leaders grapple with actualities will be the true test of the Government's fitness for the work to which it has put its hands. There are dangers ahead, but we see no reason why, if Party bickerings be avoided, Nanking's statesmen should not succeed in discharging the heavy responsibilities which they have undertaken.

One of the most satisfactory features of the situation is that the Government leaders appear to be united in their determination to have nothing to do with extremist politics, and with Manchuria also pledged to wage war on Communism there are good grounds for thinking that there will be no more official flirting with Moscow's mischief-makers. But that is not to say that the Communist danger no longer exists in China. It most decidedly does, for forces have been released in the past which even now it is by no means easy to control. In various parts of the country, the "Reds" are still surreptitiously carrying on their campaign, the main features of which are the advocacy of restoring diplomatic relations with Russia and the overthrow of the Kuomintang as well as the

Nanking Moderates. In Shanghai particularly have the agitators been at work, whilst we have recently read of much activity on the part of the Left Wing of the Kuomintang Party in Tientsin and Peking, which is urging the expulsion of the Nanking leaders and the offering of a warm welcome to exiled extremists such as Wang Ching-wei. Efforts will no doubt be made to secure, at the forthcoming Kuomintang Congress, the restoration to power of men who are notorious for their "Red" tinge, but if unity is preserved amongst the Moderates it should be possible to prevent any such development.

Recent reports of extremist activity in Shanghai show that, realising its shortcomings in the internal working of the Chinese Communist Party, the Communist Internationale is now endeavouring to effect reforms which will enable the working and peasant classes to dominate the Party. This policy of the Third Internationale is not entirely new, but Shanghai officials attach some importance to it in view of past failures to extend Communist influence in political and Government circles. Those at the head of this agitation are urging the creation of Trade Union organisations to fight for Communism. In return, more posts for the workers and peasants are promised in the Party Executive. Amongst disbanded troops and famine-stricken peasants, this propaganda may be expected to yield some results, but if the National Government sets a firm face to this evil, it should be able to keep control of the situation. The hope of all well-wishers of China is that China's leaders will prove equal to the task which lies ahead, and that 1929 may witness many further steps along the road to national progress and the building up of a strong and stable administration.

Political Portents.

While the political parties will have much to interest them in three of the four bye-elections taking place one after the other in the next week or two, we imagine that some difficulty will be experienced in inducing the constituents to take a like interest. These end-of-the-term contests, when the remaining life of the Government is so short, do not meet with great favour, and no great capital can really be made out of the results. The London-jerry seat is safely Conservative and no contest is likely. The remainder, however, are fluctuating seats, the deceased members being Labour in two cases and Conservative in the other. The parties concerned will campaign intensively to hold their seats, if merely for the sake of the moral effect thereby exerted, at the same time, no great stress will be placed on an adverse decision. The probabilities are that the Labour Party will hold their seats well. The proofs are gradually accumulating that Labour is steadily approaching the point when it will be the strongest single party in the country, and that it is now very near that point. An analysis of voting figures in the last six months shows that Labour polled 70,700 votes in nine bye-elections, as against 79,200 by the Conservatives and 48,700 by the Liberals. The growing portents of British politics seems to indicate that under universal suffrage, the unknown element in the General Election (therefore imparting greater interest to the bye-elections pending) Labour may poll the heaviest vote ever cast for a single party in the history of the country. A great deal depends upon the balance in three-cornered contests. In present circumstances, the Conservatives stand to gain most by the minority vote system. It is a matter of some doubt, giving old campaigners to think seriously, whether this will always prove the case. There will be a three-cornered contest at Wansbeck which may possibly provide "an aid to estimation."

DAY BY DAY.

Mr. S. T. Butlin and Mr. H. R. Forsyth have been taken into partnership in the firm of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants.

The P. and O. s.s. *Morse*, from Singapore, is due here at 2 p.m. on Friday.

A GOOD PRINCIPLE GETS MORE KNOCKS THAN A BAD ONE.—*Professor Harris Bickford.*

H.M.S. *Concord*, bringing relief for the China Station, arrived at Singapore yesterday. H.M.S. *Kent*, the flagship, has left Macassar for Sourabaya.

At the Criminal Sessions, on Monday, Yuen Ping-kwan was found guilty of piracy aboard the s.s. *Anking* and was sentenced to death by the Chief Justice.

A concert organised by Mrs. Cashman will be given at the Helena May on Thursday, 10th January, at 8.30 p.m. Tickets must be booked in advance.—*Adet.*

Amongst the passengers arriving by the s.s. *President Taft* was Mr. O. Bruusgaard, a son of the owner of the Bruusgaard Steamship Line. Mr. D. M. Biggar returned by the same steamer.

Mr. J. Buchanan, Hon. Secretary of the S.P.C.A., writes to say that the Mongkok Home, referred to by Mr. J. P. Braga at the last meeting of the Sanitary Board, is in no way connected with the Society.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. L. Forrest, accountant, No. 2, Pratt Building, Kowloon, to Miss C. Noronha, No. 22, Humphreys Buildings, Kowloon, and Mr. E. L. Vas, clerk of the P. and O. Bank, residing at St. Joseph's Building, Hongkong, to Miss H. M. da Silva, of the same address.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$7,600 was left by Ching Sai (or Shui), accountant, late of Nam Long village, Chung Shan District, Kwangtung, who died intestate at the Young Wo Nursing Home, Happy Valley, on or about July 23, this year. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Ching Leong Choy Ho, who is temporarily residing at No. 133, Connaught Road Central.

CHINESE LIBRARY OPENED.

INTERESTING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FUNCTION.

The formal opening of a modern and exceedingly well-organised Chinese library, formed under the auspices of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, took place yesterday afternoon at the Chamber's offices, Connaught Road Central.

The function marks a definite step in Hongkong towards the promotion of the study of Chinese literature.

There was a very large attendance, those present including Mr. Li Yau-tsun, (the Chairman) Messrs. Yip Lan-chuen, Tang Shiu-kin, Wong Kwong-tin, Fung Ping-shan, Leung Pat-yue, Leung Yuen-wo, Chan Heung-pak, Choy Hing, Ma Ying-plu, and others.

In the opening speech, Mr. Li Yau-tsun said that the formation of the new library was made possible principally by the general donations of Mr. Fung Ping-shan and other members of the Chinese Chamber. At the moment the library was far from complete, but it was hoped that its extension would be brought about with the support of the Chamber and the public.

Mr. Li said that particular attention had been paid to the supply of commercial books, besides books of more general interest.

Mr. Yip Lan-chuen spoke in similar terms, stressing the necessity for improvements to make the institution worthy of its name.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin referred to the value of Chinese learning and the importance of assimilating the moral teachings of the ancient Chinese sages as well as the learning and great thoughts of the present age. Tributes were paid to Mr. Fung Ping-shan for his enthusiasm for library organisation, special reference being made to the new library in Sun Wui City, where Mr. Fung spent \$100,000.

WIRELESS BROADCAST.

LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Following is the local wireless broadcast programme for to-day:—

G.O.W. on 590 metres.
1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.
5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme. (Victor Records).

Russian Inn, Medley of Waltzes, Kiriloff's Balalaika Orchestra.

"Gloze Props" and "My Old Shako"—Harry Dearth, Bass.

"Trees" and "Invictus"—John Brownlee, Baritone.

"Prelude in G Minor" Fugue in G Minor—Marcel Depre, Organ.

"Father O'Flynn" and "Glorious Devon"—Robert Radford, Bass.

"Song of the Lute" and "Tannhauser" Oh, Hall of Song—Maria Jeritz, Soprano.

"The Question" "The Answer"—Reginald Goss-Custard F.R.C.O., Organ.

"Wait" and "In An Old Fashioned Town"—John Turner, Tenor.

"To Pass the Time Away" "Once upon a Time"—Melville Gideon, Baritone.

"Just a Cottage Small" and "Through All the Days To Be"—John McCormack, Tenor.

"Gavotte" and "Menuet"—Fritz Kreisler, Violin.

"Deep River" and "Irish Reel"—Flonzaley Quartet.

"Duna" and "Gipsy Love Song"—Reinold Werrenrath, Baritone.

"Moment Musical" and "Rosamunde" Barlett Music—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Roses of Picardy" and "Dear Old Pal of Mine"—John McCormack.

"Ma Curley Headed Baby" and "The Sweetest Story Ever Told"—Hulda Lashanska, Soprano.

"By The Waters of Minnetonka" and "Under the Leaves"—Renée Chemet, Violin.

"Long, Long Ago" and "Annie Laurie"—Hulda Lashanska.

"March of the Caucasian Chief" and "Danse Orientale"—Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

News Bulletin—Dance Music, God Save The King. Close Down.

There are no trumps and South has the lead. North and South must win two of the five tricks.

Layout the cards on a table, as shown in the diagram, and study the situation. See if you can find the proper method of play.

The Solution.

Here it is necessary, before the opponents can establish their best suit, to destroy the only re-entry which will allow them to use that suit. To do so, South must lose a trick which, if needed by East and West, South would win.

South leads the queen of hearts, which East wins with the king. No matter how the hand is now played, South takes a spade trick and North a club trick. But if South had led any card other than the queen of hearts, East could have established his spades and retained the King of hearts for re-entry.

YANGTZE FIGHTING.

STEAMER TRAFFIC HELD UP THROUGH MINES.

Shanghai, Dec. 31.
Reliable reports from the Upper Yangtze show that severe fighting is going on between Yang Sen and Liu Hsiang. After fruitless negotiations Yang Sen advanced to Chungking but was driven back after heavy fighting.

In the meanwhile, steamer traffic is held up as it is reported that Liu Hsiang has mined the Yangtze, while it is feared that the rival commanders may commandeer ships for transport of troops.—*Reuter.*

The Very Idea!

Speaking at a dinner of the Royal Society in London, the new Archbishop of Canterbury said when the King's nomination of him to the Primacy was announced, the first four telegrams he opened were from the Viceroy of India, the Lord Mayor of London, an ex-president of the Royal Society and "my estimable tailor." The last named wrote: "Heartiest congratulations—awaiting further orders."

The prettiest women in the world seem to be in London.—Sir William Orpen.

In these days it is customary for the composer to outlive his songs.—Mr. Newman Flower.

It would be a good thing if we could stop the appearance of another book on gardening for twenty years.—Mr. W. C. Berwick Savers.

I am afraid the clergyman's God is too often the Head of the clerical profession.—Dean Inge.

The effects of tea are generally benedictive, conducive to contentment, clear thinking, and sobriety.—Sir James Crichton-Browne.

If a Carnegie or a Leverhulme beget a family of sons who inherited their father's ability, all the wealth of the world might soon be in very few hands.—Mr. J. D. Berosford.

"Now, boys," asked the schoolmaster, "what do you know about Hamlet's uncle?"

"Please, sir, he was better than any one else at shooting birds," replied one of the boys.

"Indeed! What makes you think that?" asked the teacher.

"Well, sir, I read in a book that he 'did murder most fowl.'"

Judge Thompson, K.C., at Bow County Court—I have glanced at the pleadings in this accident case, and it looks like the lamb running into the wolf and the lamb biting.

Solicitor at Willenden—Why did you not turn your car? Witness—There was not room. Solicitor—But it was only a baby car, and you might have lifted it round.

A man of sixty-four accused at Tower Bridge, London, of stealing a bottle of milk from a door-step, pleaded that he was an orphan, his mother and father having recently died.

"I don't think this is a cheerful generation."—Mr. G. K. Chesterton.

The present generation has done its very best. Though jaded old and weary, still to be bright and cheery. With song and dance and jest, with broadcast humour and with jazz.

It has! Indeed, it has.

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In spite of gloomy deans, this generation in its way has struggled to be gay.

But all in vain its striving, its efforts are *pan bon*, with well-contrived elation, to earn the approbation Of Mr. Chesterton.

Although its style is not too bad, he finds it rather sad.

Yes, we, the Would-be jollies, still lack the good old cheer, the free and careless laughter, that rang in roof and rafter, the old October beer.

Small wonder that our gaily seems forced to G.K.C.

It is sometimes unlucky to avoid passing under a ladder.

When the old lady found herself unexpectedly in the shadow of the painter's ladder which extended right across the narrow pavement, she stepped quickly into the road without a precautionary look backward.

To avoid running her down, a car driver swerved, skidded, and collided with an approaching bus. The bus driver did his best by mounting the pavement, but it was too late. There was a nasty grinding noise, a little broken glass, and a lot of shouting and screaming.

In the meantime the painter, in his alarm, dropped his paint pot at the old lady's feet—with unhappy results.

Nobody was hurt, but quite a number of people must have reckoned it their unlucky day.

Mr. W. Bremis, of Southend, captain of the London 4,000-ton motor-ship *Looslogu*, has died at sea off Newfoundland.

Believed to have fallen into the Medway during a fog on November 6, the body of Henry Hayes, 60, Little Preston, Aylesford, has been found in the river at Rochester.

POLICE KIDDIES' SPORTS.**HAPPY GATHERING AT THE VALLEY.****PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.**

New Year's Day was celebrated by members of the Hongkong Police Force and their families by the holding of the annual reunion at the Police Recreation Club at Happy Valley yesterday. A programme of sports for the children was successfully carried out, being combined with the Christmas Tree, a cocoa-nut shy, and donkey-rides.

The front of the Clubhouse was decorated with flags kindly loaned by Mr. Richard Lee of Lee Gardens, and by a string of electric bulbs. Those present included the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. King, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. W. Le B. Sparrow, Mr. and Mrs. W. Kent, and Mr. Burlingham. A most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

Inspector's Speech.

Before the distribution of prizes by Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, M. B. E., Sub-Inspector James thanked Mrs. Wolfe for consenting to give away the prizes, which were won both that afternoon and in days during the year. A hearty welcome was then extended to the many members and friends of the Police Force. The speaker said that they did all they could for the children, and if any did not come to the sports and therefore missed the fun, they had their own parents to blame. The organisers had broadcast the function in every possible way—by telephone and even radio—asking every parent to give the names of all their children for presents from Father Christmas.

For some reason which he could not understand, some parents were reluctant to disclose how many children they had. Personally, if he had a thousand children he would send all their names in—(laughter).

In conclusion, Mr. James said that some people were fond of referring to the so-called lack of activity in the Police Force. His reply to such people was to point out to them that during the past 10 years the Force had increased in strength by 30 children. That was what he called great activity—(laughter).

After the distribution of prizes, Mrs. Wolfe was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers, tied with the Police colours, by little Miss Joan Dwyer, and on the call of the Clown (Mr. W. Ward) who led the cheering as each prize winner came up for their awards, three rousing cheers and a lusty "tiger" were given to Mrs. Wolfe by the many children present.

The C.S.P.'s Reply.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, expressed thanks to the organisers of the function, and said that as far as he could remember, the children had never had a more delightful afternoon than that one. In connection with the sports and Christmas Tree party, Mr. Wolfe said he must mention the names of the organisers—Messrs. James, Taylor and Thorpe—and their assistants (Messrs. Alexander and Baker), to whom the thanks of one and all were due. They had all put in a lot of hard work to make the function the unqualified success that it had been.

A special vote of thanks, Mr. Wolfe said, was due to their old friend the Clown (Mr. W. Ward) who had come every year to entertain them. He did not know what they would do if ever Mr. Ward said "I am fed up" and kept away. With Mr. Ward there, the mothers could safely let their children romp about secure in the knowledge that the Clown would look after them and see that they came to no harm—(Cheers). Charlie, Chaplin (Mr. "Paddy" Condon) had also helped to amuse the kiddies, and he (Mr. Wolfe) thanked him also.

Mr. Wolfe then led the gathering in singing "For they are jolly good fellows" in honour of the organisers and their assistants and then called for three cheers and a "tiger." It met with a hearty response from the adults as well as the children.

The Results.

The sports results were as follows: 25 yards race (girls under 8 years)—1, Elsie Hunt; 2, Ellen Barnett; 3, Paula Hollands; 4, Beryl Carey.

25 yards race (boys under 8 years)—1, Walter Evans; 2, B. Hollands; 3, Ross Ogg.

50 yards race (boys under 12 years)—1, Charlie Evans; 2, Neville Booker; 3, Henry Phillips.

50 yards race (girls under 12 years)—1, Helen Grimmett; 2, Mavis Glendinning; 3, Dorothy Moss.

50 yards Children's Skipping race—1, Mavis Glendinning; 2, Ellen Grimmett; 3, Dorothy Moss.

50 yards Ladies' Egg and Spoon race—1, Miss D. Hunt; 2, Miss P. Hunt.

50 yards Children's Potato Race—1, B. Hollands; 2, Walter Booker; 3, Walter Evans.

100 yards dash (men over 35)—1, Mr. West; 2, Mr. King.

ANOTHER CANTON BLAZE.**THIRTEEN SHOPS & HOUSES DESTROYED.****ON NEW YEAR MORN.**

A big fire, which wiped out 13 houses and shops, broke out in the heart of Canton city, in the Kwai Tack Mun Bridge district, at 2 o'clock on the morning of the New Year's Day.

It is said that the fire originated at a public eating-house, being caused by stray sparks, which set fire to a quantity of firewood in the kitchen. Owing to the high wind, the fire spread with great rapidity and when the alarm was given there was considerable panic among people in near-by shops and houses.

Despite the strenuous efforts of the Fire Brigade, the fire raged for over two hours. A piece-goods dealer's shop, a drug medicine store, a number of eating-houses, a rice shop, a cotton shop and a paper shop were completely gutted. It is not known whether there was any casualty.

Whilst the blaze was at its height, the police splendidly preserved order in the district and many residents were able to save some of their belongings and goods. It appears that on New Year's Eve the Police Headquarters ordered additional forces of armed officers and detectives to patrol the city, co-operating with the Gendarmes, who were also out in force. This special vigilance was adopted as a precaution against possible disturbances by Communists.

When the fire alarm was sounded, police and Gendarmes arrived promptly and all the approaches to the district were guarded, thus preventing any disturbances.

It is said that the *foh* of the eating-house have been detained by the police pending an enquiry into the cause of the fire.

OPENING OF CHINESE SEAMEN'S UNION.**BETTER UNDERSTANDING WITH EMPLOYERS.**

The necessity for better understanding and closer co-operation between Chinese seamen and ship-owners, and between Labour and Capital formed the keynote of a number of speeches delivered at the Chinese Seamen's Association Union yesterday on the occasion of the holding of the Union's flag.

The ceremony took place at noon and there were several hundred friends and members of the Union present. The building was splendidly decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by Li Yick-mui, assisted by Mr. Yip Lan-chuen and Mr. Leung Yuen-woo, Chairman of the Union.

The Chairman, in a speech of welcome, emphasised the need for the elevation of the general knowledge of the Chinese seamen and the improvement of present conditions provided that the employees did not lose sight of the interests of their employers, the ship-owners.

Mr. Leung further expressed the desire for the cultivation of comradeship among seamen of all nationalities to work for peace and harmony, and to demonstrate their usefulness in the field of public service. He concluded by saying that he fully realized the many difficult problems and responsibilities before the Union and asked for the support of shipping, commercial and other institutions.

The Secretary of the Union, Mr. K. C. Leung, spoke in similar tone, remarking that the Union was a public body. Its future success would entirely depend on the support of public organisations and individuals.

Following other speakers, Mr. Yip Lan-chuen dealt with the real purpose of the Union, which was to offer an opportunity to the thousands of Chinese seamen to meet in Hongkong and know one another and to afford them a place where they could discuss matters of mutual interest and promote genuine friendships.

100 yards dash (men under 35)—1, Mr. Shepherd; 2, Mr. Post.

Tread and Needle race (Ladies' Nomination)—1, Mrs. Hollands and Mr. Post; 2, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Eves; 3, Mrs. Alexander and Mr. Taylor.

Bowls Prizes. Lawn bowls prizes won in competitions held during the past year by the Police Recreation Club, were also distributed as follows:

Bowls Championship—Mr. A. R. Clark.

Runner-up—Mr. C. Wendell.

Bowls Singles—Winner Mr. J. Oram.

Runner-up—Mr. A. R. Clark.

NoVICES' Handicap—Winner Mr. J. Oram.

Runner-up—Mr. M. P. Paira.

Handicap—Winners Messrs. Whant and Gooding.

Runners-up—Messrs. Hargreaves and M. P. Paira.

Team Shield—Winners, Messrs. Wynne, Mair, Taylor and Oram.

AFGHANISTAN WAR AT AN END.**SITUATION COMPELLED BY SEVERE WINTER.****KING REWARDS ARMY.**

London, Jan. 1. It is learned that messages are now arriving in London with fair regularity from the British Legation at Kabul, but they hardly refer to the situation in Afghanistan, but mainly relate to plans for the evacuation of foreign nationals, which the British Government has undertaken.

The complete evacuation is not yet complete, though efforts have met with great success.

It is surmised that all serious fighting between the Government troops and the rebels has been suspended owing to the severity of the wintry conditions.

A message from Peshawar states that King Amanullah has rewarded his troops at Kabul two months' extra pay for their repulse of the rebels, and the King has also increased the pay of his bodyguard from fourteen to twenty rupees per month. It also appears that villages have been liberally compensated for losses due to the rebel raids.

Another rebel concentration is improbable before the spring, owing to the severe cold in Kabul. The Afghan Legation in London to-day stated that all fighting has ceased and that peace negotiations are now proceeding. It is hoped that the country will soon return to normal.

The Legation denies recent reports that a section of the Army has revolted, and expresses the opinion that the foreign women and children who have been evacuated by the British R.A.F. machines, will probably be able to return to Kabul shortly.—*Reuter*.

CHINA DISBANDMENT CONFERENCE.**BIG GATHERING OPENS AT NANKING.**

Nanking, Jan. 1. The Disbandment Conference opened this morning.

Mr. Wu Tze-huei, representing the Nationalist Party, stated that the Chinese had always opposed the use of force, but the Nationalist Army had had to fight corrupt militarists in the past. Since complete disarmament had not been effected by the world, China must maintain an adequate defence force.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, representing the Disbandment Committee members, declared that the military leaders would carry out the decisions of the Conference. He hoped to organise a first-class Army, Navy and Air Force within 15 years.

General Li Tsung-jen, Marshal Feng Yushang and General Yen Hsi-shan and others attended.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday morning.—*Reuter*.

According to Chinese information, Marshal Li Chai-sun is proceeding from Canton to attend this Conference.

He is due here to-day, coming down by special train from Canton, and is due to embark this afternoon on board the M.M. liner D'Aragnan.

NEW YEAR SPORTS AT KOWLOON.**CHILDREN SPEND A HAPPY AFTERNOON.****FULL PRIZE LIST.**

The annual New Year's Day children's sports under the auspices of the Kowloon Cricket Club were held on the Cricket Club ground yesterday when a large number of children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After an afternoon of good sport, during which the bands of the 3rd Battalion, 10th Punjab Regiment, played selections, the successful competitors received their prizes from the hands of Mrs. W. T. Southern.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the President of the Club, thanked all present for attending, especially those who were not directly connected with the K.C.C. The speaker reminded his hearers that the gathering was not a mere Club event, but the idea was to attract all the children of the Colony, from the Peak to Fanning, and make them look forward to New Year's Day as their own party day at the K.C.C.

Mr. Lindsell expressed thanks to those who had helped, and mentioned the name of Mr. C. H. Atkins, whose efforts as Hon. Secretary had been untiring, and thanked those generous contributors to the sports fund which was now again self-supporting.

Mr. Lindsell concluded by expressing their gratitude and delight at having Mrs. Southern with them. He congratulated those boys and girls who had won races. To those who had not won, the speaker asked them to attend again next year and bring their friends, when they might have better luck.

Mrs. Southern then handed prizes to the following:

Girls' Events.

Skipping Race handicap, ages 14 and under—1, Mary Lay; 2, Joan Holland; 3, Violet Bradbury. Flat Race, handicap, ages 6 to 9—1, Doris Frith; 2, Dorothy Eustace; 3, Marjorie Gow.

Skipping Competition, ages under 10 years—1, Flora Eldridge; 2, Marjorie Gow; 3, Pat Hamblin.

Flat Race, handicap, ages under 6 years—1, Dorothy McCaw; 2, Joan Bradbury; 3, Betty Marshall. Potato Race, ages 10 to 14—1, Dorothy Raven; 2, Peggy Dyerest; 3, Edith Withers.

Skipping Competition, ages 10 to 14—1, Betty Pestonji and Jean Bryson (tie); 3, Ethel Barker.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 14 and under—1, Violet Bradbury; 2, Dorothy Eustace; 3, Kathleen Glover.

Musical Chairs, ages 8 to 14—1, Constance Crappell; 2, Vera Crappell; 3, Clissie Roylance.

Egg and Spoon Race, scratch, ages 14 and under—1, Dorothy Raven; 2, Iris Frith; 3, Janet Broadbridge.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 6 to 14—1, Winifred Raven; 2, Pamela Glencross; 3, Mary Smith.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 4 and under—1, Margaret Logan; 2, Beryl Goldenberg; 3, Betty Marshall.

Relay Race, teams of four, scratch, ages 9 to 14—The winning team comprised Peggy (Continued on Next Column.)

BRITISH TRADE ENTERPRISE.**TO INTEREST OVERSEAS IN INDUSTRIAL FAIR.****ADVANCE CATALOGUE.**

London, Dec. 31. A special advance overseas edition of the catalogue of the London section of the British Industries Fair, which will be held in 1929, is now being issued to 10,000 business men in Europe, North America, South Africa and the eastern coast of South America, including all those buyers who have notified the British Department of Overseas Trade of their intention to attend the Fair.

By this publishing feat, which has only been made possible owing to the keenness of British manufacturers to participate in the Fair, trade buyers in cities as far apart as Constantinople, Capetown and Vancouver will be able to receive a copy of the Fair catalogue before commencing their voyage to England.

The catalogue, apart from containing descriptive entries of the exhibits of more than 1,200 British manufacturers, embodies a complete classification of all those exhibits by trades and indexes in nine languages, enabling foreign buyers easily to trace the goods in which they are particularly interested.

Enclosed with this catalogue of pages is an advance list of some 700 firms exhibiting at the Birmingham section of the Fair, which takes place concurrently with the London section from February 18th to March 1st.—*British Wireless*.

BRITISH STEEL COMBINE.**PROVISIONAL AGREEMENT RATIFIED.**

London, Jan. 1. The shareholders of Messrs. Cammell, Laird and Company have ratified the provisional agreement for the concentration of the commercial steel interests of Messrs. Vickers, Messrs. Vickers, Armstrong and the Cammell, Laird Co., Ltd., in a new Company, and also the concentration of the railway carriage and wagon manufacturing interests of Messrs. Vickers and the Cammell, Laird Co., Ltd.

Mr. Hichens, the Chairman of the Cammell, Laird Co., said that the object of the concentration was to secure greater economy and efficiency. It did not aim at the setting up of a monopoly. The amalgamations now proposed were only the first step, and negotiations were already proceeding in other directions. He added that more reorganisation would be done within the groups now forming.—*Reuter*.

McCaw, Edna Carroll, Lily McAlinh, Ethel Barker.

Consolation Race, handicap, ages up to 14—1, Joyce Humphrey; 2, Alice Black; 3, Nora Branch.

Boys' Events.

Potato Race, scratch, ages 10 to 12—1, Mickie Woo; 2, Gerald Abraham; 3, Glad Braze.

Foot Race, scratch, ages under 12—1, Mickie Woo; 2, Geoffrey Arnold; 3, Stanley Lee and Ronald Egan.

Obstacle Race, handicap, ages 10 to 14—1, Norman Broadbridge; 2, Jack Mackay; 3, Gerald Abraham.

Relay Race, teams of four—The winning team was Fred Winyard, Jackie Mackay, James Winyard, Geoffrey Arnold.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 6 to 9—1, Jeffrey Otten; 2, Dick Branch; 3, Frank Smith.

Sack Race, handicap, ages 8 to 14—1, Alan Macfarlane; 2, Frank Smith; 3, Gerald Abraham.

Tag-of-War teams of eight. The winning team was Claud Braco, Allister Holland, Ronald Holden, Eric Humphrey, Felix Dunnett, Jack Mackay, Fred Winyard, and Bill Gibson-Craig.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 4 to 7—1, Jeffrey Otten; 2, Eric Stone; 3, Jack Stokes.

Three-Legged race, handicap, ages 10 to 14—1, George Lee and Jack McAlinh; 2, Felix Dunnett and Ronald Holden; 3, Tony Sands and Joseph Perdra.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 8 to 10—1, Kenneth Carroll; 2, Dick Branch; 3, James Hulce.

Flat Race, handicap, ages 4 and under—1, Jimmy Otten; 2, Francis Rogers; 3, Ian Dobbie.

Wheelbarrow Race, scratch, ages 9 to 14—1, Tony Sands and Freddy Winyard; 2, Ronald Egan and Edward Frith; 3, John Chubb and Jack Mackay.

Consolation Race, handicap, ages up to 14—1, Desmond Roylance; 2, George Roylance; 3, Fred Goodwin.

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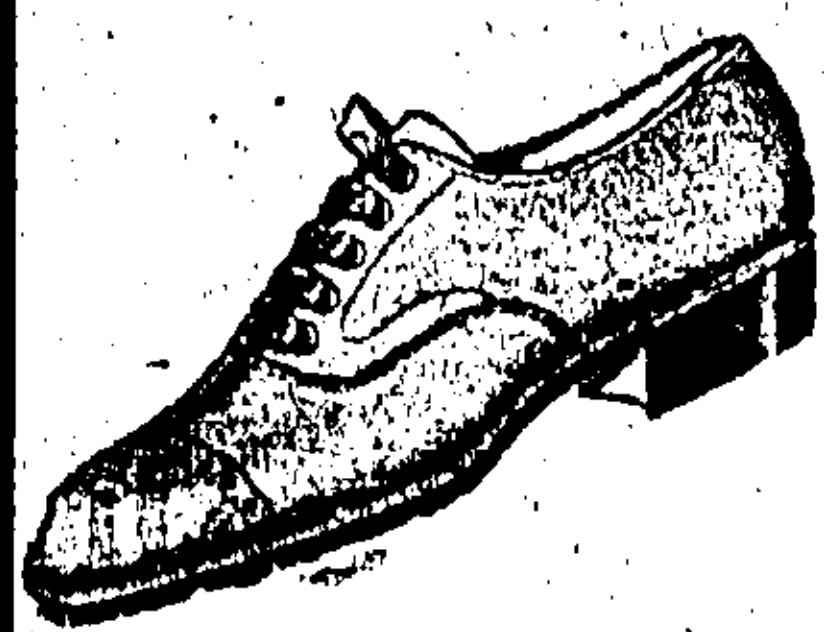
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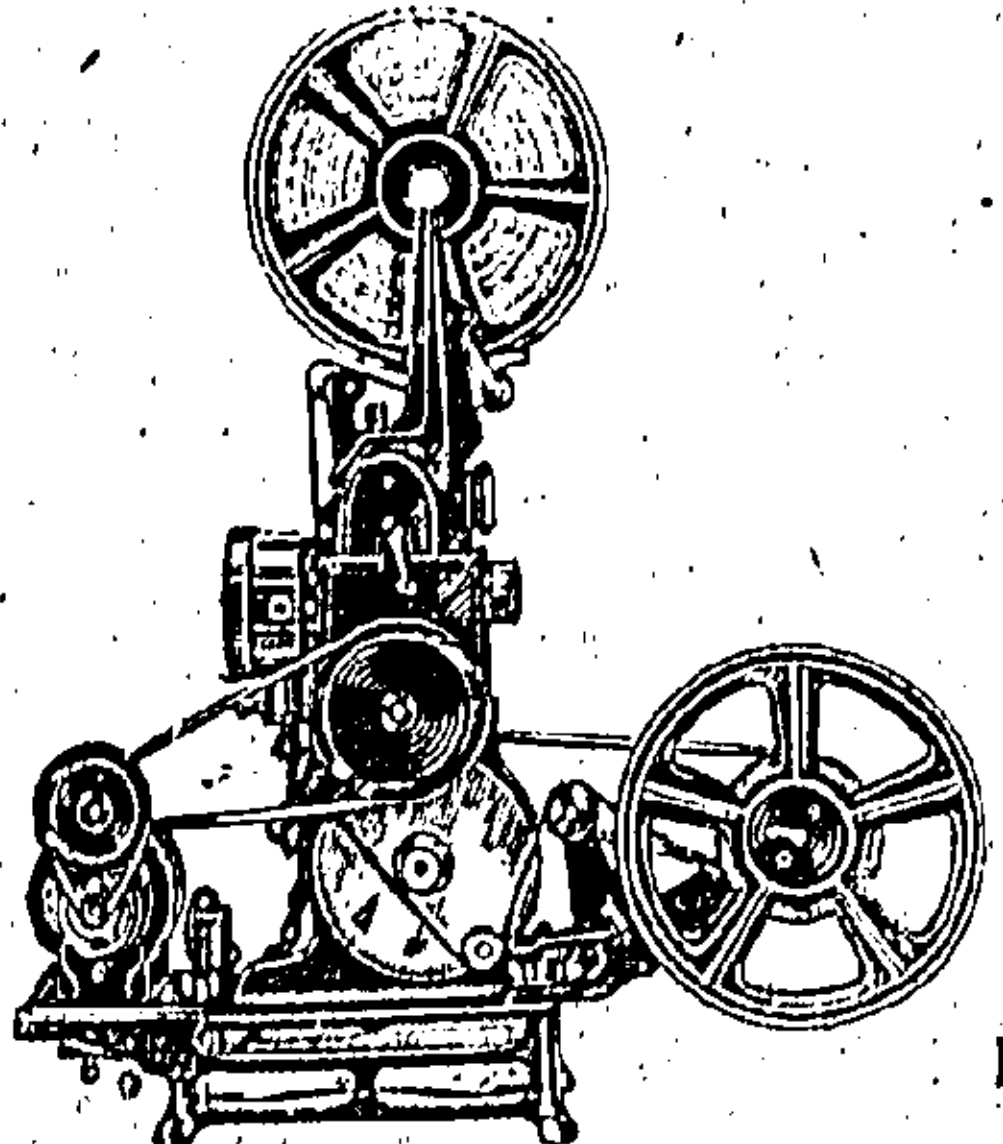
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THE WORLD OF SPORT

HOLIDAY CRICKET SCORING.

CLUB BEAT NAVY BY 200 RUNS.

FINE SCORE BY QUICK.

The annual match between the Hongkong C.C. and the Royal Navy was played yesterday, the fixture being a single day affair. The Club had matters entirely their own way and after knocking out 267 runs they dismissed their opponents for the meagre total of 67 runs.

The Club opened with Pearce and Hayward. The Navy's attack was not over difficult to play and runs came at a rather fast rate. Hayward lost his wicket with the score at 29 his contribution being 21. Quick joined Pearce and both proceeded to make runs freely. The latter had taken his score to 36 before being caught, the second wicket falling with 76 runs on the board.

More did not stay long but when Owen Hughes joined Quick the bowlers gave the batsmen little trouble. The score mounted quickly the hundred being sent up shortly after noon. In playing forward to Watch, Owen Hughes missed a leg break and was sent back to the pavilion, his share of 61 runs added for the partnership being 36.

Off the first ball he received from Watch, Sayer, the incoming batsman, scored a six, hitting a leg ball to the bottom of Garden Road. Just before the lunch interval was taken Quick sent up his half century, Sayer's score being 17. The total was 166 for four wickets.

On resuming, Quick and Sayer carried the total to 205 before being separated, the padre being the first of the two to leave after having scored 65 which included seven fours. Hancock only stayed to see three runs added, two of which he scored. Sayer left at 214 and Bonnar at 240. Seventeen runs later Stanion was sent back and with the score at 267 the last wicket fell.

Wales and Bonnar, who opened the attack for the Club when the naval men took their innings brought about an early collapse, Wales taking the first wicket with the score at 6. Only eight more runs were added when Trussler returned to the pavilion after scoring 6. Davies was the only batsman who could keep his wicket up, he and Waters, who scored freely for a time, sending up nearly 30 runs for the eighth wicket.

Wales bowled well throughout and at one time had only given away one run in eight overs.

The full scores were:

Hongkong C.C.	
T. E. Pearce, c Pelly, b Baker	36
A. W. Hayward, c Norris, b Watch	21
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Trussler, b Baker	65
O. Moore, c Watch, b Baker	1
H. Owen Hughes, b Watch	30
G. R. Sayer, c Norris, b Watch	30
H. R. B. Hancock, b Dalison	30
J. Bonnar, c Pelly, b Baker	14
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Walker, b Baker	17
W. V. L. Stanion, c Pelly, b Baker	20
C. D. Wales, not out	9
Extras	9
Total	267

Bowling Analysis.	
Baker	25.2 4 86 7
Watch	12 2 76 2
Phillips	3 1 15 1
Trussler	1 1 11 1
Dalison	12 1 43 1
Pelly	1 1 13 1
Waters	2 1 18 1

Navy.	
Marine Trussler, run out	0
Sub-Lieut. H. C. Sims, b Wales	2
Lieut. C. F. W. Norris, lb.w.	2
Wales	2
Com. J. N. Pelly, c Wales, b Bonnar	2
Com. F. C. Baker, b Wales	2
Lieut. G. P. S. Davies, not out	10
Lieut. C. F. Phillips, b Bonnar	1
Pay. Lieut. H. S. P. Watch, c Hayward, b Wales	8
Lieut. A. V. Walker, c Hancock, b Bonnar	0
Pay. Lieut. Waters, c Sayer, b Bonnar	20
Lieut. J. S. Dalison, b Quick	1
Extras	7
Total	67

Bowling Analysis.	
Wales	15 7 31 4

ARMY BEATEN IN CHARITY GAME.

COLONY'S TEAM IN GOOD FEEL.

A BIG ATTENDANCE.

The Rest of the Colony proved too good for the Army at Sookunpo yesterday before a large crowd of football enthusiasts.

The game started promptly, Sir Shou-son Chow, President of the South China Athletic Association kicking off. Among the interested spectators was His Excellency Major General C. C. Luard and Miss Luard.

The Rest pressed from the very commencement and within the first ten minutes, Rocha, the left wing registered their first goal, following a melee in front of the Army custodian.

Suen Kam-shun, the only Chinese player on the field, added a second goal some ten minutes later with a shot which beat the Army goalkeeper all the way.

The Military forwards were not combining well together and up to this stage, Clark, the goalkeeper for the Rest had very little to do. Just before the interval, the Army forwards tested him with several difficult shots, but found him equal to the occasion.

Just before the interval, a penalty was awarded against the Army for hands against one of their backs. Goldman made no mistake with the kick. Half time score, Rest 3—Army 0.

Early in the second half, the referee awarded another penalty against the Army. The decision appeared doubtful but there was no ground to complain as the Rest did not take advantage of the ruling, the ball being sent wide. Ding-dong play followed for the next half hour, the Rest, if anything, getting the better of the game. Just before the final whistle, Cross scored the only goal for the Army. Final Score, The Rest 3—Army 1.

Wynne, who played left back for the Rest was the outstanding player of the day, and Clark, the goalkeeper was also applauded for some smart work. McKelvie, who was right half, also did well.

The bands of the Queen's Royal Regiment and the Beds and Herts Regiment rendered a fine selection of music, while the Fifes and Drums also played before the game and during the interval.

The raffle for the football was won by ticket No. 945 whilst the prize of \$20 went to the holder of ticket No. 893.

Bonnar 14 5 22 3
Stanion 2 1 2 2
Quick 14 0 0 2

UNIVERSITY CRICKET.

Past Prove a Back Number.

On the University ground the undergraduates played the past students and won by 148 runs.

The full scores were:

Present.	
E. A. Lee, c Hunt, b Rumjahn	26
F. J. Zimmerman, c and b Samy	12
A. A. Rumjahn, b Ng Sze-kwong	12
S. R. Kerman, b Ng Sze-kwong	12
J. Barrow, c Laing, b Ng Sze-kwong	65
C. W. Lam, c Hunt, b Samy	20
S. V. Gittins, not out	45
F. H. Traves, not out	28
Extras	12
Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	248

A. T. Lee, A. Baker and H. E. M. Adams did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.	
Samy	13 1 60 2
Ng Sze-kwong	12 1 58 2
Rumjahn	5 1 20 1
Laing	4 1 19 1
Osman	3 1 11 1

Past.	
H. Q. Hunt, run out	0
H. T. M. Barma, c Zimmerman, b Rumjahn	0
E. Zimmerman, c Baker, b Barrow	11
T. E. Yoh, c Baker, b Barrow	11
D. K. Samy, b Rumjahn	15
D. Laing, run out	31
Ng Sze-kwong, b Gittins	9
A. H. Rumjahn, b Baker	4
W. M. Gittins, b Gittins	5
J. L. Youngs, c Zimmerman, b Baker	9
M. B. Osman, not out	5
Extras	6
Total	65

Bowling Analysis.	
Gittins	0 1 25 2
Barrow	7 3 9 2

NEW YEAR'S DAY FOOTBALL.

NEARLY FULL PROGRAMME AT HOME.

BLACKBURN'S EFFORT.

No very startling results marked New Year's Day football at home, although in the First Division, Blackburn had a very creditable win away when visiting Newcastle. Leeds could only manage to pick up one point when visiting Bury, but Sunderland found the Arsenal visitors "easy money."

In the Scottish League, Rangers continued their wonderful record, beating Celtic by three clear goals. Partick Thistle romped over Clyde on the latter's ground, and lowly Ralsh, playing at home, failed to stand up against the attack of Cowdenbeath.

Yesterday's full results are appended:

Division I.	
Bolton	1 Cardiff 0
Bury	2 Leeds 2
Everton	4 Derby 0
Manch. Un.	2 Aston Villa 2
Newcastle	0 Blackburn 1
Wednesday	1 Huddersfield 1
Sunderland	5 Arsenal 0

Division II.	
Barnsley	0 Grimsby 2
Middlesbrough	3 Tottenham 2
Oldham	2 Notts. F. 0

Division III (North)	
Accrington	2 Sth. Shields 0
Ashington	3 Nelson 0
Barrow	3 Darlington 0
Carlisle	3 Lincoln 1
Chesterfield	0 New Brighton 1
Hartlepool	1 Bradford 2
Southport	3 Doncaster R. 3
Stockport	2 Wigan 1
Tranmere	1 Crewe 2

Scottish League.	
Aberdeen	4 Third Lanark 0
Clyde	0 Partick T. 4
Dundee	0 St. Johnstone 2
Falkirk	2 Airdrie 0
Hamilton	0 Motherwell 1
Hibernians	1 Hearts 0
Kilmarnock	2 St. Mirren 0
Queen's Park	3 Ayr 0
Raith R.	0 Cowdenbeath 2
Rangers	3 Celtic 0

THE SCHNEIDER CUP.

FOUR COUNTRIES TO COMPETE IN 1929.

London, Jan. 1. After the Anglo-Italian duel of 1927, when Lieut. Webster brought the Schneider Cup to England, there will be four competitors in the 1929 contest, the being Britain, Italy, France and the United States.

The last-named country cabled its entry just before midnight on New Year's Eve, when the list closed.—Reuter.

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HERMES BEAT C.C.C.

Lieut. Wright's Fine Batting. At Happy Valley, the Craigengower O.C. played a friendly match against the H.M.S. Hermes and were beaten by five wickets and two runs.

The Club batting first knocked out 141, B. W. Bradbury being top scorer with 38 not out. A. B. Hamson obtained 35 before he was caught by Grehan off Gregory. For the naval men, Gregory took six wickets for 29 runs.

The Hermes team, thanks to Lt. Wright, who scored 66 before falling a victim to Bradbury, passed their opponent's score for the loss of five wickets.

Scores:—

Craigengower C.C.	
R. C. Reed, b Grehan	12
S. Abbas, b Grehan	6
H. P. Lim, b Hammon	26
E. B. Hamson, b Grehan	28
A. B. Hamson, c Grehan, b Gregory	35
B. W. Bradbury, not out	35
U. M. Omar, b Gregory	0
A. Kitchell, b Gregory	18
J. P. Lunny, b Gregory	0
E. Howland, b Gregory	1
A. A. Lewis, b Gregory	4
Extras	4
Total	141

Bowling Analysis.	
Gregory	14.6 0 29 6
Grehan	11 2 52 3
Hammond	8 1 11 1

H.M.S. Hermes.	
Lt. Wright, lb.w. Bradbury	66
E. R. A. Grehan, lb.w. Abbas	1
Ch. W. Gregory, b Hamson	4
Sarg. Lt. Munro, b Abbas	8
St. Swan, b Hamson	26
Capt. Cornish, not out	25
Lt. Com. Camidge, not out	28
Extras	9
Total	143

Bowling Analysis.	
Abbas	0 1 24 2
Hamson	5 1 15 2
Bradbury	4 1 25 1

CRICKET NOTES.

(By "Two Legs").

Although most of the cricket fields in the Colony were engaged over the weekend, yet another quiet Saturday has to be recorded so far as the League was concerned. Only two matches were played, both in the Second Division. As things are going it looks very much as if a congestion towards the end will be unavoidable, especially if rain, which would be very welcome indeed, should interfere with the fixtures.

Hongkong C.C., after decisively defeating K.C.C. the previous week, trounced yet another Peninsula team in Club de Recreo. The second string of the premier club have been doing extremely well lately and are fully expected to finish their season somewhere near the top. Reid, Summers and Tait had the Portuguese batsmen in difficulties for the most part and skittled them out for 48 runs from the bat, 20 of which came from J. E. Noronha.

Kowloon C.C. 2nd were unfortunate to draw with Civil Service but it is not often that a definite decision can be arrived at on the Kowloon ground which is in perfect condition and favours high scoring. Mackay and A. R. F. Raven got well over half-a-century each whilst Lee contributed his usual 40 odd towards a total of 180 for three wickets—a praiseworthy score for Second Division games. Civil Service might easily have gone under but for Paterson who was again very much in the picture. Going in No. 3 he hit up the highest individual score for his side and kept his wicket intact.

Three matches in each division of the League are down for decision this week. The most important fixture in the Senior Division will be the Kowloon C.C.—University tussle on the former's ground. This will be the latter's first League match and pitted against such a strong combination as the K.C.C. they will have their strength severely tested and will be hard put to it to retain a point. It is fortunate for the Pokfulam side that D. J. N. Anderson, the Diocesan boy, has just "gone up" and will of course be turning out for them. A very stylish bat and a more than useful change bowler, Anderson will be a decided acquisition to the ranks of last year's champions.

K.C.C. have easily the better side as far as batting is concerned and are expected to run up a big score. The Undergraduates, however, are still the smartest side in the League and can be depended upon to save all the runs they can on the field. On form, the odds are in favour of the home team and any other result would be rather a surprise.

The match at Happy Valley between Craigengower and the Royal Artillery should turn out to be quite a close tussle. A win for the former team will depend to a great extent on the form of their very variable bowlers. Civil Service will receive the Chinese R.C. Strengthened by the return of Reed and Evans, the Civil Servants should literally walk away with the points against their weakish opponents.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI are expected to further improve their position in the Junior Division at the expense of the Electric R.C. One of the few teams still in the running for the championship, Royal Engineers and Signals will be keen on defeating the Police as any other verdict will be rather prejudicial to their chances in the race. In the other fixture, Civil Service 2nd are not likely to make any mistakes against R.A.S.C.

The H.K.C.C. v. Navy annual match which, as usual, attracted considerable interest was robbed

CHINA BASKET BALL TEAM.

TO TOUR THE UNITED STATES.

The All China Basketball team is leaving the colony to-morrow afternoon for Shanghai.

They have arranged to play a series of three or four matches in the North where they expect to meet a tougher opposition before they leave for the United States. In Japan they will again meet some of the teams they defeated in their last tour.

Two of the members of the team, Wei and Auyang Phillip are remaining in America to continue their studies. Phillip is joining the West Point Military Academy and Wei is continuing his medical studies in Chicago.

The team has proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that they are worthy representatives of China in basketball.

They have shown local sporting enthusiasts not only wonderful team work but a true sporting spirit. Those who saw them in an exhibition game in the Kowloon Y.M.C.A. court on Monday night against the Chinese Athletic basketball team could scarcely deny that the display of the team was the best seen in the East.

of much enjoyment as it proved to be altogether a one-sided affair. The Club opened on a plump wicket and as expected, scored very rapidly. Hayward, Pearce, Owen Hughes and Sayer severely punished the weak Navy bowling but it was left to the Rev. E. K. Quick to put up the highest score. The Padre's innings, however, was not without blemish; he was dropped more than once, the first occasion very early on by "point."

The Navy batting, comparatively speaking, was even weaker than their bowling. Wales' tempting slow deliveries were very productive until Waters came in (No. 10) and rather spoiled his average by some unorthodox shots. In his first 13 overs, seven of which were maidens, Wales took four wickets for which he conceded 13 runs, and then it was really bad luck that he had 18 runs knocked off his last two overs. Bonnar kept a splendid length, swerving in dangerously from the off at times, and Quick also did his bit by accounting for a couple of wickets cheaply towards the end.

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THE NEW MANCHURIA.

JAPAN'S "EMBARRASSING POSITION."

London, Dec. 31. The *Manchester Guardian*, commenting on the developments in Manchuria, does not think actual authority of the Nanking Government there is likely for many years to exceed that of a vaguely recognized suzerain power. Nevertheless Chang Hsueh-lang's formal hoisting of the Nationalist colours has shown unheard of independence from Japan.

The Japanese Government at the moment is not making a great success of its Chinese policy, and has several questions open. It is the only important Power which has failed to make a new commercial agreement with China. The growing sense of nationalism in China will make it increasingly difficult to recognize Japan's claim to special interests in Manchuria, at least insofar as they give the right to intervene in domestic affairs in Manchuria, yet those special interests unquestionably exist. Only if the Chinese authorities are wise enough to promise to protect those interests, and are strong enough to guard them, can an embarrassed situation become harmless.—*Reuter*.

NAVAL PHYSICIANS TO THE KING.**NEW REGULATIONS.**

The Admiralty notify the following revised regulations governing the appointment of honorary physicians and honorary surgeons to the King, which have been approved by his Majesty:

Medical officers appointed as such, in future, are to relinquish their honorary appointments on retirement from the Service. Officers on the retired list at present holding the appointments are to continue to hold them.

The officer holding the position of Medical Director-General of the Navy is to receive, ex officio, an appointment as Honorary Physician or Honorary Surgeon to the King.

The total number of Honorary Physicians or Honorary Surgeons to the King is to remain at eight, excluding extra or supernumerary appointments, but the number of these appointments to be varied at discretion within the total, instead of four of each being allowed hitherto.

Officers, in order to be eligible for appointments, are to be of the rank of Surgeon-Captain or above.

EIGHT CHARGES.

RETURNED BANISHEE SENTENCED.

Seven charges of larceny of articles of clothing and one of returning from banishment were preferred against a Chinese before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday.

His Worship intimated that he would take the defendant's pleas on the first and last charges.

The defendant admitted both, the other counts being dropped.

It was stated that the various complainants had missed their clothing on Sunday morning and decided among themselves that they would visit the pawnshops. In one place the defendant was seen trying to pledge some of the stolen goods and was arrested by a constable who was informed of the thefts by the watchers.

On production of the defendant's criminal record it was seen that he had been previously convicted of receiving stolen property and twice of larceny, having been banished for ten years in July, 1928.

On the charge of larceny the defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, sentence of three months' and 15 strokes of the birch being imposed on the count of returning from banishment, the terms to run concurrently. If unfit for birching the defendant would undergo a further nine months' hard labour.

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Aubrey Leveson Dudley Ryder, aged 37, described as independent, of Wargrave, Berkshire, was fined £50, with £10 costs, and suspended from driving for four years, by the Marlborough-street Magistrate after pleading guilty to driving a motor-car dangerously.

It was stated that he came into collision with a taxi-cab outside the London Pavilion.

Mr. H. Muskett (for the police) said that at Westminster in May, 1925, Ryder was convicted of dangerous driving and fined £20, with £8 costs, and his licence was suspended for three years.

Mr. Laurence Vine, defending, said that in 1925 Ryder was blown up, grazed, and buried alive in France. He became a prisoner of war and attempted to escape on ten occasions. He was treated with great severity and confined in cells when recaptured.

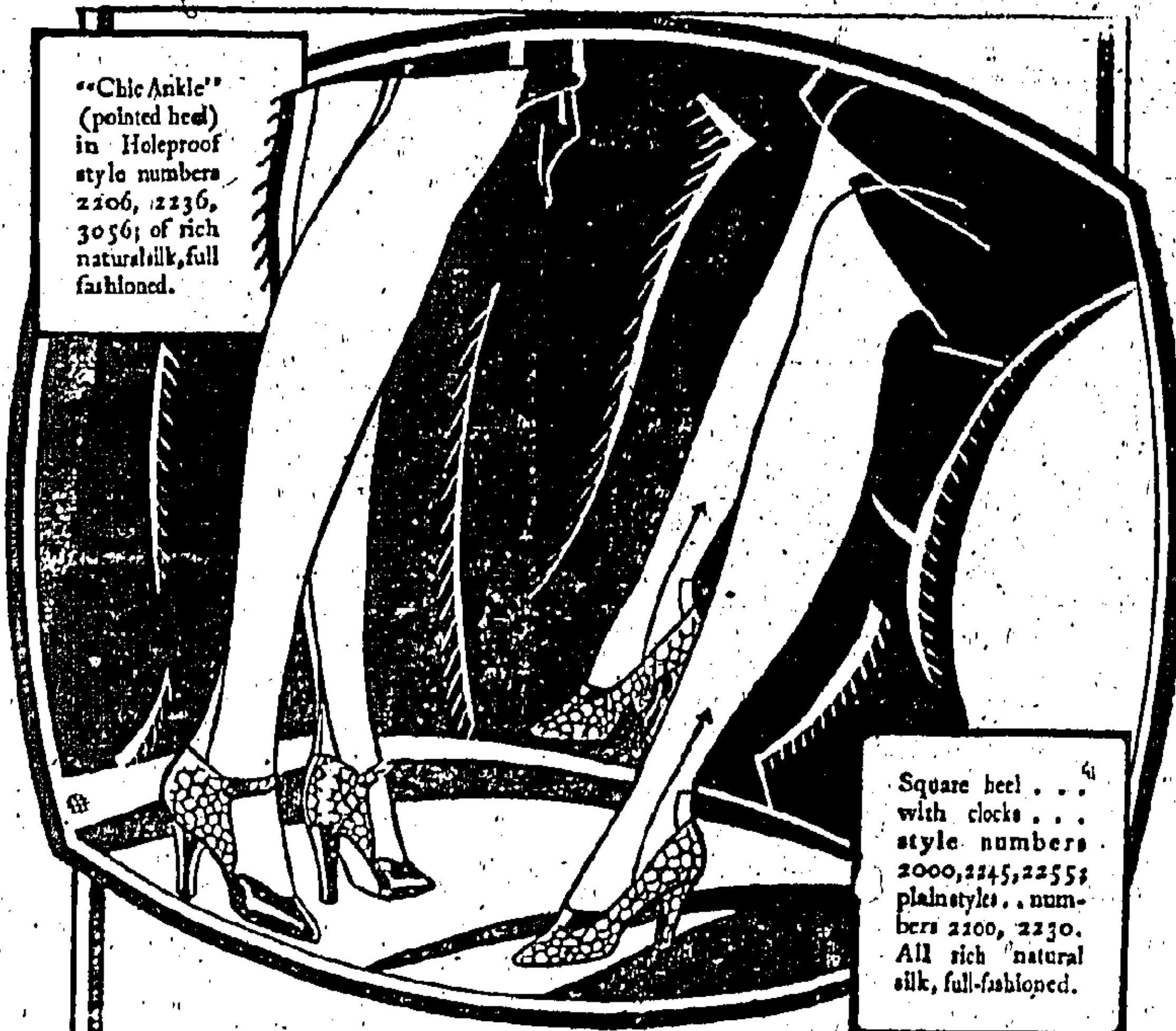
A charge of drunkenness and another of failing to stop after an accident were withdrawn.

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THE BANK'S POLICY CRITICISED.

CREDIT RESTRICTION AND BAD TRADE.

HOME CONSUMPTION.

London, Dec. 5.
An attack on the Bank of England and its policy is the chief feature of the quarterly trade survey of the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association.

In it the Bank is held "directly responsible" for the state of depression which has ruled in this country since March.

"If the credit and financial position had been at all adequate to the needs of the present time," state the Association, "and if industry had received from the banking interests the full support it required for the first movement of expansion, there is no doubt that 1928 would have been one of the most prosperous years since the conclusion of the war."

An analysis of the industrial situation leads the compilers to the conclusion that the trade depression, which at one time was confined to what are regarded as export industries, has spread to other industries which depend on home consumption.

"For the first time, therefore, since 1921," it is maintained, "the crisis is entirely of home consumption, and it has little or no relation to the international trade position."

Purchasing Power Lower.

The conclusion arrived at is that we are confronted with a real decline in the purchasing power of the public generally, and only one explanation can be offered for such a narrowing down of the home demand—the credit policy of the Bank of England since the spring of this year. The home market is declared to have been "virtually ruined" for the manufacturer through the unbroken regime of credit restriction which has persisted during nine years, and the lasting depression is attributed to the policy initiated by the Bank of England in the autumn of 1920, and carried out with the support of the Government in power without interruption until now.

After reviewing all the factors, the Association find it difficult to resist the impression that the upward movement in trade, which began in the first quarter of this year, and might have been expected to continue throughout the year, "if it had not been interrupted," may be deferred until next year.

Excessive caution on the part of the Bank of England, the survey adds, "has brought this country down to a state where industrialists are losing hope of ever being able to improve their conditions of production, and of earning satisfactory margins of profit."

Loans and No Orders.

It is stated that the Bank of England has made its policy depend on movements in the United States, and made sterling subordinate to the dollar. "The Federal Reserve Bank," it is asserted, "now decides the course of credit and currency in this country." If we are to have a managed currency, the suggestion in the report is that it should be managed with a view to improving

industrial conditions in this country.

How we are financing our foreign competitors is the subject of a section of the report.

Loans to German municipalities for extending public utilities, it is stated, have not produced a single order for British industry, but the capital supplied by Britain has been used to supply German competing firms with important contracts, which have raised their competitive position and allowed them to undercut British firms both at home and in the Dominions.

During the present year the British industry's exports, the report shows, have declined by 1 per cent, while the world market has risen by more than 14 per cent, a real loss in the British position of 15 per cent. Germany has increased her shipment 24 per cent, the United States 15 per cent, Switzerland 50 per cent, and France 18 per cent.

"We have reached the stage now when as in the United States," records the report, "we must organise for prosperity at home, and not for the realisation of maximum security on an international financial basis."

Reference is also made in the report to what are described as the baneful effects on British industry of allowing German reparations to be paid in kind.

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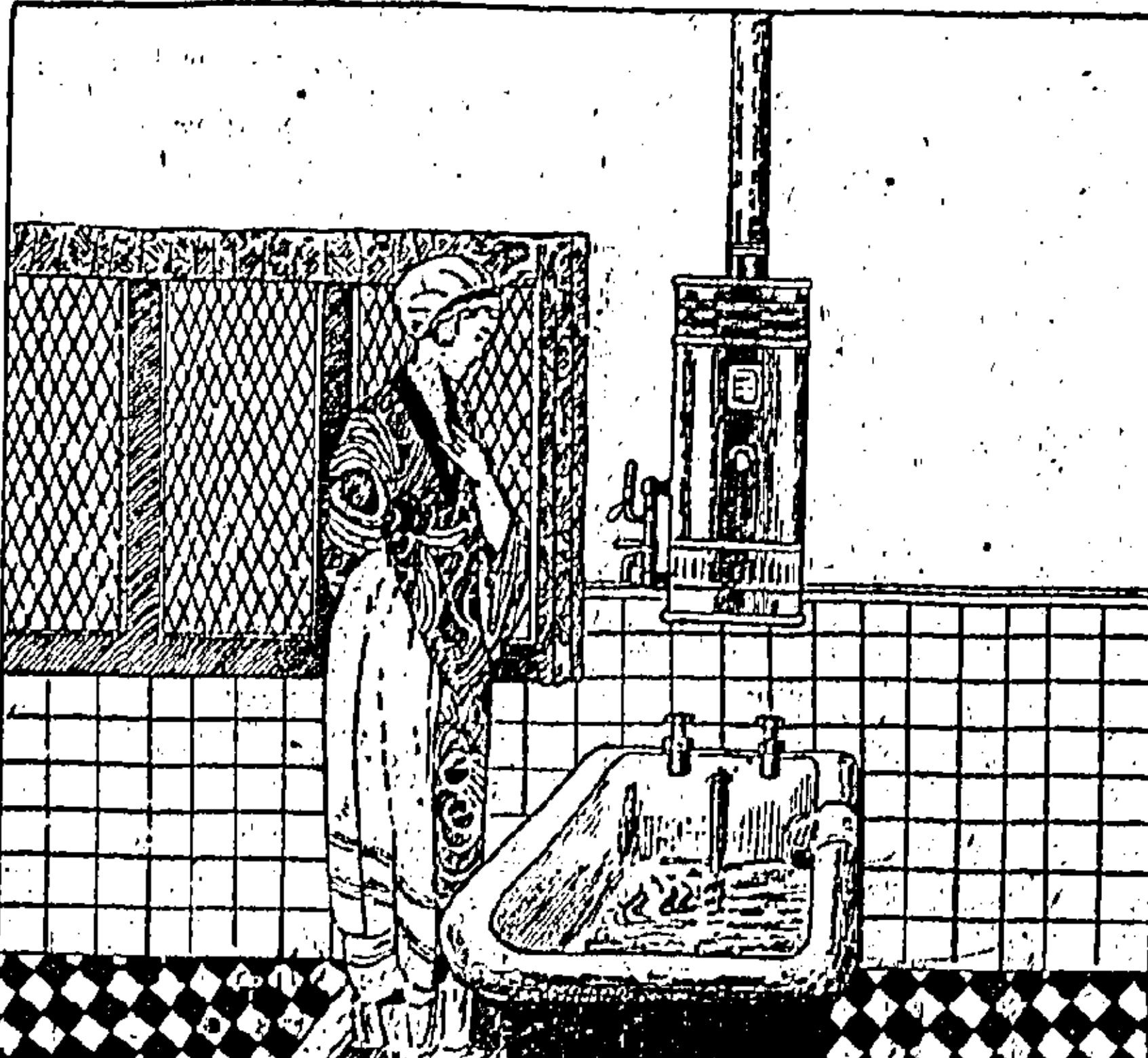
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There was a poor attendance at the P.W.D. Office on Monday when crown property situated at Mongkoktsui was put up for auction.

The lot was valued at a high price, being on the junction of main thoroughfares. It was Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2162, at the junction of Portland Street and Lai-chi-kok Road, having an area of 4,716 square feet at an annual Crown Rental of \$54 and held for a period of 75 years from the day of sale.

The upset price was \$11,700 with bids of \$100 acceptable, conditions of sale including the expenditure of \$15,000 in rateable improvements within 24 months and the handing over to the Government of certain portions of the lot, abutting on thoroughfares, within 12 months. Scavenging lanes to be turned over to the Government, free of cost and all domestic buildings erected on the site to be of European type.

The sale opened at the upset price of \$11,700 and was once raised at the minimum, another offer received putting the figure to \$12,000. Thereafter three bids of \$100 were received, and the lot was knocked down to Messrs. Chung Yuk-hing and Kong Wong of Mau Lam Street for \$12,300.

A RECORD RUN.

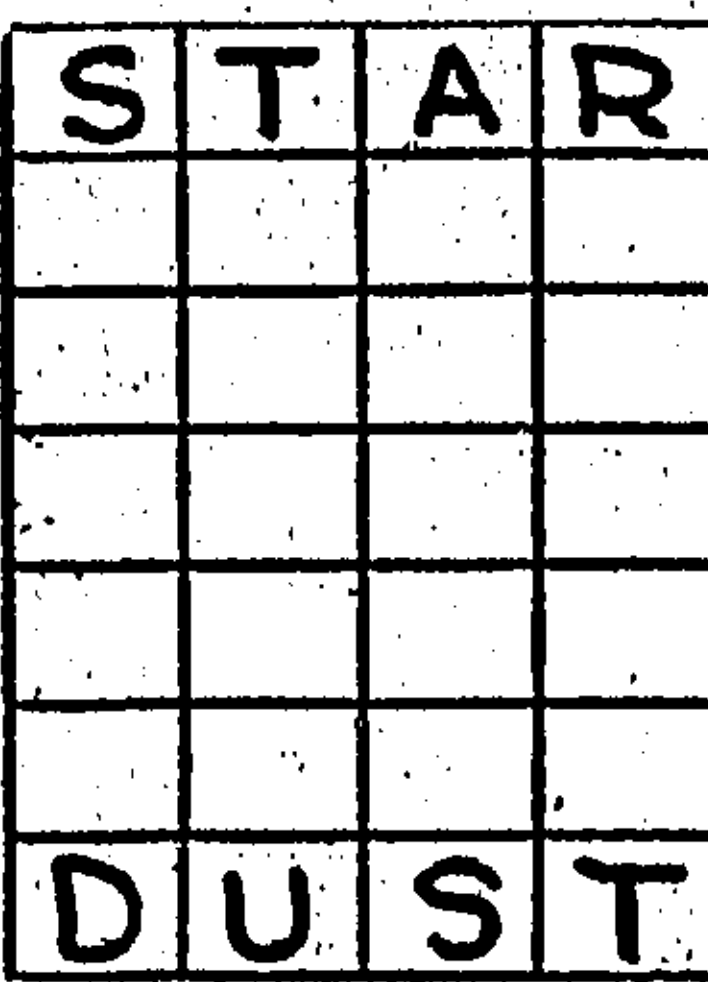
VOYAGE TO AUSTRALIA IN SEVENTEEN DAYS.

The Australian-Oriental Line steamer Changte left Hongkong at noon on December 14, and having called at Manila, Thursday Islands, Cairns, Townsville and Brisbane, arrived at Sydney on the morning of 31st December.

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4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

TWO CHINESE FINED FOR POSSESSION.

Two rather heavy fines were imposed by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday on Chinese who were charged under the Opium Ordinance. In one case the offender was alleged to have had 3.8 tael of prepared opium in his

FORGED BANKNOTES.

EVIDENCE OF BANK ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT.

The case against eleven Chinese on a charge of conspiracy to utter forged Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell on Monday afternoon at the Central Magistracy.

A Chinese woman, who was principal tenant of the floor at 114, Queen's Road West which was one of the addresses raided by the police in the case, stated that she recognized the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th defendants as being those who rented two cubicles. They moved in with quite a lot of furniture, but she did not see the bottle exhibited in Court until the place was raided by the police.

Mr. C. H. Eldridge, an assistant accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, called to give evidence as regards the false notes stated that the forty-one notes shown to him were essentially good forgeries. The words "The Hongkong and Shanghai" enclosed within the panel at the top were, however, appreciably shorter when compared with those on the genuine notes. The forgeries purported to be those issued by the Bank on January 5, 1928, and bore a representation of the signature of the then Chief Accountant. The odd note shown to witness was identical with the other forgeries except that it purported to bear his own signature. The case was adjourned.

possession at No. 44, Reclamation Street.

A fine of \$300 or six months' hard labour in default was imposed, the defendant having a previous conviction for keeping an opium den.

For being in possession of 3.3 tael of prepared opium a Chinese residing at No. 59, Nam Chong Street was fined \$260 or three months' hard labour.

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INSPECTOR GENERAL RESIGNS POST.

Peking, Dec. 31. Mr. A. H. F. Edwards, the Officiating Inspector General of Customs, has officially notified Reuter that his resignation was handed to the Finance Minister this morning.

A translation of Mr. Edwards' dispatch to the Finance Minister is as follows:

"The first essential in the efficient working of a service such as the Chinese Maritime Customs is loyal co-operation and discipline among the personnel of all ranks, and for the maintenance of such discipline it is imperative that there should be an individual head to such service, recognised and dealt with as such by the entire service, and Government."

"I have repeatedly warned you that the conditions which have been allowed to grow up in Shanghai during the past year have resulted in a form of dual control of the service, which is destroying the fine traditions of efficiency and discipline which have characterised the Customs Service for the past 70 years."

"No government service can be efficiently run where a form of dual control is not only allowed but encouraged, and as the promised steps have not been taken to eradicate the dual control which exists I have now to tender my resignation of the appointment as Officiating Inspector General and I would request the Government to appoint another Inspector General to take charge of the Customs Service without delay."

Mr. A. H. F. Edwards was formerly Chief Secretary in the service, and was appointed acting Inspector General to take the place of Sir Frances Aglen in April, 1927. About the middle of January of that year mandates were issued for the collection of the 2½ per cent surtax. Sir Frances was at that time in Hankow, and on receipt of the Government's instructions to take charge of the collection of the surtax, explained that the Maritime Customs Service was not in a position to take charge of such collections in face of Japan's opposition. The Government ordered his return, but as he did not immediately return Mr. Edwards was appointed to take his place. Mr. Edwards' appointment was made definite about two months ago. Mr. Edwards was formerly at Canton and was wounded in the Shamen affray in 1925.

MANAGER'S LAPSE.

SENTENCED FOR STEALING KNITTED ARTICLES.

Convictions were registered against all three defendants in the case in which three employees of the Shiu Hing Knitting Factory, of No. 1 Pitt Street, were charged on remand before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy on Monday with larceny of various articles of clothing.

In statements made by the defendants the three men admitted taking the articles mentioned in the charges but gave different reasons for doing so.

The first defendant said that he had been employed at the factory as assistant manager for several years and thought that he would have different articles of clothing knitted for himself.

The second defendant said that the manager (first defendant) and the third defendant (the tally clerk) knew he had taken the woollen pullover and socks.

The third defendant said that he had a waistcoat specially knitted for himself. The socks he was merely holding for the manager (the first defendant).

The first defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, and the second and third to three months' each.

Mr. T. G. Bennett prosecuted on behalf of the proprietor of the Shiu Hing Knitting Factory, while Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented the first defendant, Mr. Leo d'Almada Jr., the second and Mr. F. X. d'Almada Jr., the third.

RUBBER AND TIN.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR SHARES.

During the past week fluctuations in the price of tin have been within somewhat narrower limits and according to advices received from London the metal market there continues in a nervous and unsettled state. Tin shares, both in Sterling and dollar companies, have been quiet with prices for the most part unaltered.

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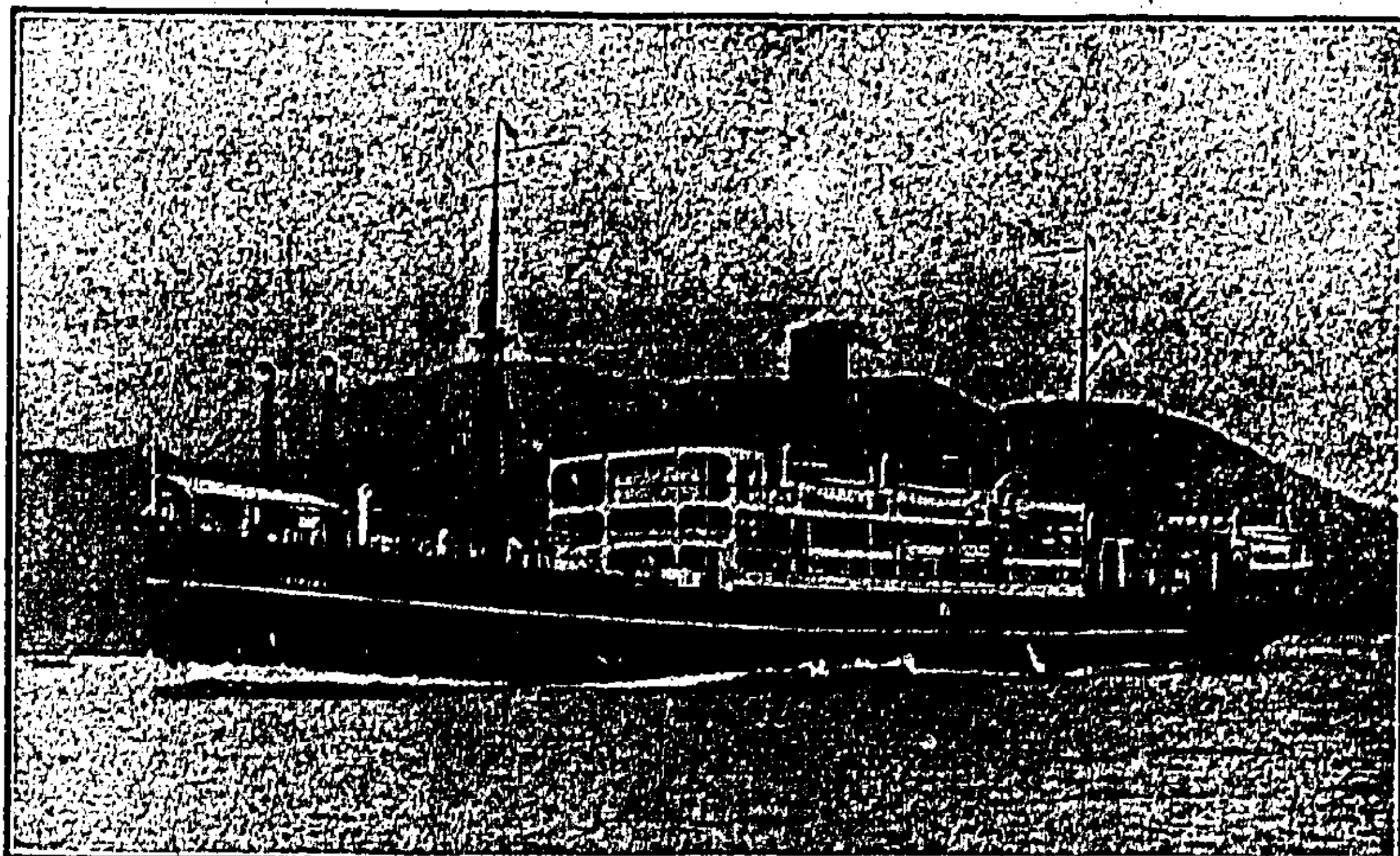
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ATTEMPTED MURDER.

RUSSIAN EMIGRE SENT TO PRISON FOR TEN YEARS.

Warsaw, Dec. 31.

A Russian emigre, George Woyciechowski, has been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for attempting to murder the Soviet commercial counsellor, M. Lizareff.

[Woyciechowski fired a revolver at a motor car in which M. Lizareff and another member of the Soviet Legation were travelling on May 5. M. Lizareff was wounded in the hand by the bullet and in the face by splintered glass. Poland expressed regret to the Soviet government for the incident and gave an assurance that the deed would be severely punished.]

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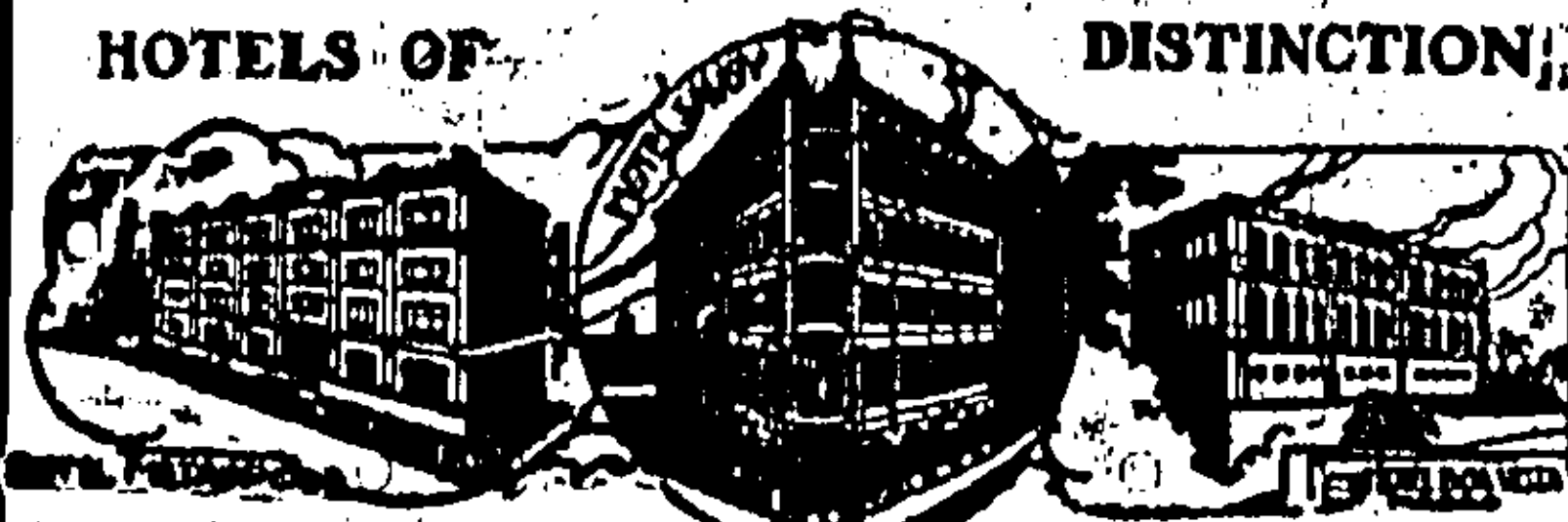
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UNIQUE BRITISH AEROPLANE.

NEW LIGHT MACHINE
INVENTED.

MAIN PARTS OF PLANE
INTERCHANGEABLE.

ORDERS FROM ABROAD.

London, Jan. 1.

A new type of machine has been added to the world-famous series of British light aeroplanes, and it marks an interesting development in the production of British aircraft.

The machine has been designed by Mr. Simmonds, who was formerly on the technical staff of the constructors of the well-known Supermarine Southampton Flying-boats in Hongkong recently, and has been named the Simmonds Spartan.

The whole of the first batch of twelve machines has been ordered and the first machine will be sent to America on Thursday.

Australia has ordered three for private owners, one is going to South Africa, more are booked for the United States and the remainder are for home purchasers.

Main Claim.

The main claim for the new machine is in the method of making all wings interchangeable and also such parts as ailerons, elevators, rudder, tail piece, fin and flying wires.

The basis of this construction is the use of symmetrical wing sections, and although it has always been considered that they have certain disadvantages compared with the more usual wing with different camber top and bottom the designer of the Spartan claims that the particular section he has evolved compares well with those used on other light aircraft.

The engine is the Cirrus mark III which is a development of the type already widely circulated over the world. Its maximum speed is stated to be 103 miles an hour.

Schneider Cup.

America is to compete in this year's Schneider Trophy Race. Her entry reached London yesterday evening just before the time limit expired.

Up to yesterday, the only challengers who had come forward to fly against Britain were holders of the cup, were Italy, from whom the British team wrested the trophy, and France.

It was thought that Germany also might enter at the last moment, but this did not materialise.

The entries now represent four countries and will provide a greater number of competitors than has been since 1926.

In the last contest, there have been only two countries competing. Each country enters three machines so that will be twelve machines flying in the race which will take place in the Solent in late August or early September.—British Wireless.

FUTURE OF HANKOW CONCESSIONS.

PROPOSED INCORPORATION
BY MUNICIPALITY.

Hankow, Jan. 1.

It is learned authentically that the Wuhan Municipal Council has approached the Hupoh Provincial Political Council and gained its formal consent to take over the administration of the Special Administrative Districts Nos. 1 and 2 (the former Russian and German Concessions) in order to incorporate them into the Wuhan Municipality as from today.

This proposal is causing much speculation here. It is considered doubtful if the proposal will be made effective regarding S.A.D. No. 2, which embraces considerable British and Japanese properties holdings, numbering about fifty.

S. A. D. No. 3 (the former British Concession) is protected from this proposal by the Chen-O'Malley Agreement.—Reuter.

PAN-AMERICAN PEACE PROTOCOL.

BOLIVIA ACCEPTS WITH
"MODIFICATIONS."

Washington, Dec. 31.

It was announced at a meeting of the Pan-American Conciliation Congress to-day that Bolivia and Paraguay have agreed to accept the recommended Protocol for settlement of the dispute between the countries.

Later.

It is learned that Bolivia has accepted the Protocol suggested by the Pan-American Congress "with slight modifications."—Reuter's American Service.

GHANDHI TRIUMPH IN INDIA.

NATIONAL CONGRESS READY
TO FOLLOW LEAD.

DEMAND TO BRITAIN.

Calcutta, Dec. 31.

The Indian National Congress has passed the resolution proposed by Gandhi, declaring that if the British Government by the end of 1929, has not accepted the principle of entire Dominion status for India, and the Constitution drafted by the Nehru Committee, the Congress will organise a non-cooperation movement.

The threat of the Congress includes an agitation urging a refusal to pay taxes.

An amendment was made by Subha Bose in favour of a demand for independence, but this was defeated by 1,350 votes to 978.

Gandhi emerged with flying colours from the National Congress, which unanimously passed a resolution proposed by Gandhi, laying down a comprehensive programme of mass organisation for the removal of untouchability, prohibition of liquor, a boycott of foreign cloth, and the stimulation of the production of home-spun.

The Nationalist leader remarked that if his programme was pursued with iron determination, Swaraj would be within their grasp within the year.

The Congress for the first time decided to interfere in the internal affairs of the Indian States, passing a resolution demanding that the Princes shall introduce responsible government within their States.—Reuter.

FORMER FRENCH PRESIDENT.

M. LOUBET CELEBRATES HIS
90TH BIRTHDAY.

HOW TO LIVE LONG.

Paris, Jan. 1.

A spacious old house in a narrow street of the little town of Montelimar was to-day the scene of an uninvited activity by postmen and telegraph messengers delivering congratulatory messages to M. Raoul Loubet, the ex-President.

The occasion was the 90th birthday of M. Loubet, who was President from 1892 to 1906, when the Entente Cordiale was arranged. M. Loubet, who was then again

"TELEGRAPH" BRIDGE PUZZLES.

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To-day's Issue.

The really difficult—and interesting—part of bridge comes when each player has only three or four cards left, and the maximum possible number of tricks have to be squeezed out of them.

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brought into the limelight, was surrounded by souvenirs of his term of office recalling the late King Edward VII, the Czar and Don Carlos.

He received interviewers with a characteristically cheery smile and unhesitatingly gave the following as a formula for longevity:—

"A clear conscience, a good appetite, moderation in indulgence in spirits, never use the telephone, and dabble sparingly in politics."—Reuter.

NEW ADMIRAL ON WAY OUT EAST.

DUE HERE BY P. AND O. LINER
MACEDONIA.

Vice-Admiral A. K. Walstaff, C. B., who has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, left England by the P. and O. s.s. Macedonia on December 28 for Hongkong.

Vice-Admiral Walstaff is accompanied by his staff, consisting of

HUGE INCREASE IN CUSTOMS.

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OVER 1927.

BIG RUSH OF IMPORTS TO
AVOID NEW TARIFF.

THE FULL FIGURES.

Peking, Jan. 1.

The Inspector General of the Chinese Maritime Customs announces that the revenue for 1928, totals H.K. Tls. 32,332,000, an increase of 13,597,000 taels as compared with 1927.

At an average exchange of 2/11.1/10th, the revenue in sterling figures amounts to £12,028,000, as compared with £9,684,000 in 1927, when the average exchange was 2/9.13.16ths.

Provincial Details.

The details of the principal provincial collections are as follows:—

Antung.—2,311,000 taels, an increase of 168,000 taels.

Dairen.—3,187,000 taels, an increase of 1,061,000 taels.

Newchwang.—1,184,000 taels, an increase of 194,000 taels.

Tientsin and Chingwangtao.—9,584,000 taels, an increase of 350,000 taels.

Kiaochow.—3,318,000 taels, an increase of 7,000 taels.

Hankow.—5,117,000 taels, an increase of 2,209,000 taels.

Shanghai.—33,659,000 taels, an increase of 7,978,000 taels.

Swatow.—1,674,000 taels, an increase of 6,000 taels.

Canton.—3,074,000 taels, an increase of 115,000 taels.

Harbin.—2,352,000 taels, a decrease of 16,000 taels.

Amoy.—1,118,000 taels, a decrease of 54,000 taels.

The Native Customs Revenue totalled 3,636,000 taels which was a decrease of 148,000 taels.

The Loan Series.

All the foreign loan and indemnity obligations secured upon the Customs revenue have been met in full, the silver cost of which was 57,388,000 Shanghai taels.

The service, both interest and redemption, of all the Domestic loans secured on the cancelled indemnities have been met in full. The interest on those Domestic Loans which is secured on the Customs surplus and the service of which is under the control of the officiating Inspector General has also been met in full.

Redemption payments on several of these latter loans have also been made but such payments, owing to the insufficiency of the revenue surplus, are still in arrear of schedule.

Reason for Increase.

The huge increase in the Customs revenue is attributed to the comparatively immense imports during the last quarter of the year, particularly piece goods, leaf tobacco, motor cars and flour, for the purpose of evading the new tariff.—Reuter.

Shanghai's Record.

Shanghai, Dec. 31. It is estimated that the Customs revenue for Shanghai during 1928 will approximate thirty-three and a half million Haikuan taels, being nine millions in excess of 1927, and seven and a half lakhs over the record year 1926.

It must be remembered there have been phenomenal imports in the last quarter in connexion with the new tariff.—Reuter.

SONS NOW PARTNERS IN MORGAN'S.

INTERESTING NEW YORK
ANNOUNCEMENT.

New York, Dec. 31.

Great interest has been aroused in Wall Street by an announcement to the effect that the three sons of partners have been made partners in their own right in the great New York financial house, Messrs. J. P. Morgan and Company. They are also made partners in their own right in the Morgan houses in London, Philadelphia and Paris.

The announcement is particularly interesting as none of the sons are over thirty years of age.

The youthful financiers are Henry Sturgis Morgan, the son of J. Pierpont Morgan; Thomas Stillwell Lamont, the son of T. W. Lamont; and Henry Pomeroy Davison, the son of the late Henry P. Davison.—Reuter's American Service.

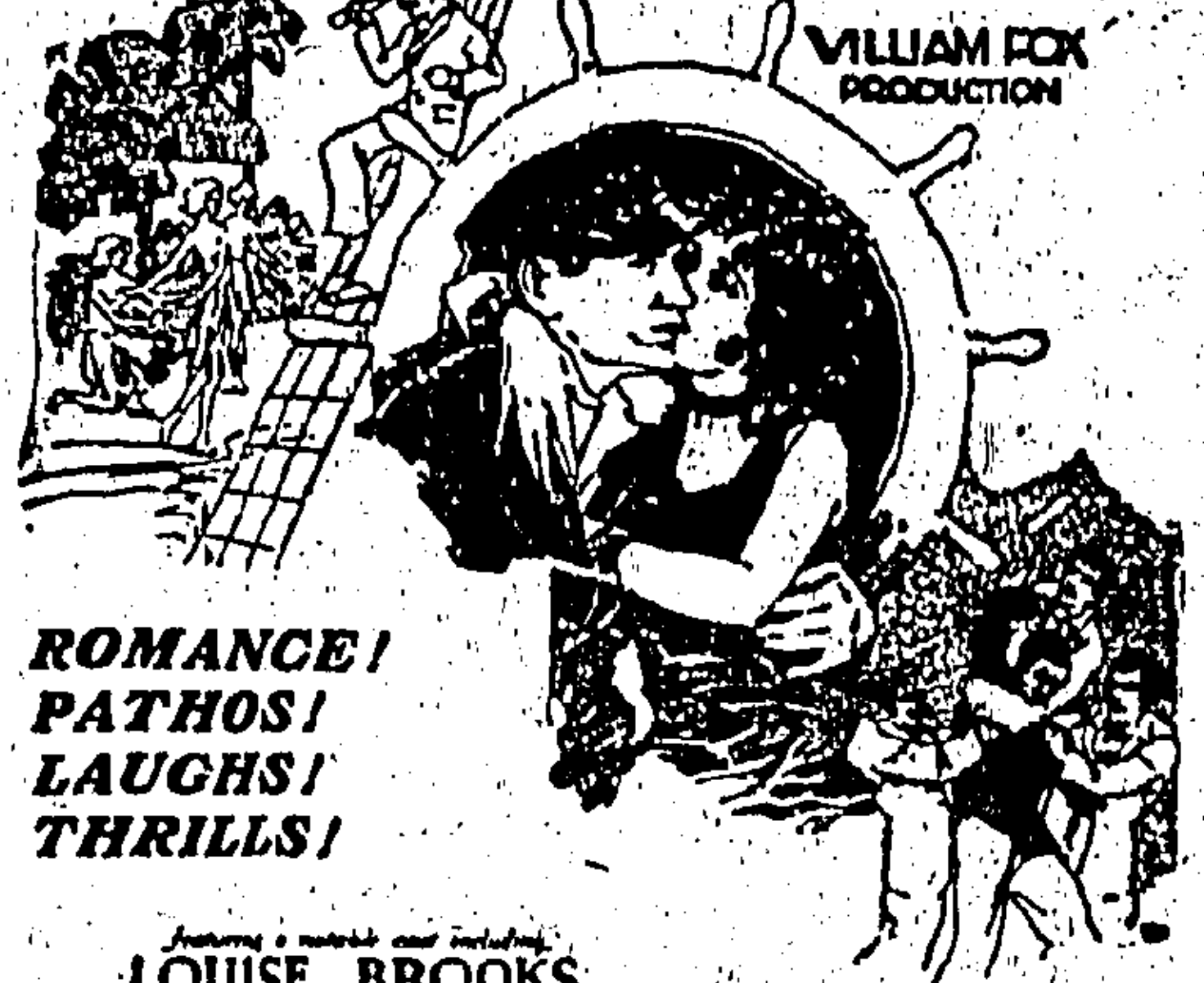
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